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Britain is feeling good again

## Major claims credit for cool Britain

**Anthony Bevins** 

John Major last night painted himself as the architect of Cool Britannia that rules the pop music airwaves, has taken over the fashion catwalks of Paris and upstaged Broadway,

Just three years ago Mr Ma-jor was evoking a Britain of warm beer, cycling old maids, county cricket grounds and morning mist. But last night, in his speech

to the Lord Mayor's hanquet, he dramatically changed his sales pitch to a Britain of packed pubs and elubs, streets bustling with foreign tourists and a capital city described io Newsweek as "the coolest city on

He urged the voters to ignore the "professional pessimists" and realise how much of a trend-setter Britain had become under his leadership.

Mr Major said that having come through 'an industrial and ecocomic revolution", with inflation subdued and the boombust cycle broken, Britain now. faced the prospect of becoming one of the world's most successful global trading nations in

the 21st century.

The only thing that Britain lacked was self-confidence: The last crucial ingredient for our future success.

He said there were always people ready to write Britain off. They are always wrong. Listening to the political debate pression that confidence is something we don't have as a nation, or even that it's something we can't have."

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But if people lifted their eyes above the charmed circle of London-based doom-mongers they would get an entirely different picture.

The City of London has the greatest concentration of foreign banks in the world," Mr.

Britain has won more Nobel prizes than any nation except the US... Britain has woo a third of all Oscars in the last 30 years. Our streets are bustling with foreign tourists.

Our pubs, clubs and restaurants are packed. Our television programmes are in demand worldwide. Our education system attracts half a million forhostres give the lead to Broad-

Our pop culture rules the airwaves. Our country has taken over the fashion carwalks of

Mr Major said it was time to parade our virtues" as a country. "To show - nt home and abroad - bow far Britain has come in scopomic progress and in the quality of our life and cul-



## Tories intend to revoke Europe's 48-hour week

Anthony Bevins Political Editor

If the European Court rules today that British employees should work no more than 48 hours a week and have statutory paid holidays, John Major will move to revoke these rights af-

ter the general election. That means they will go eign students a year. Our into the next election asking people to vote for a holiday-free Britain," a senior Labour source told The Independent last night.

Under the terms of the Working Time Directive, all workers would have automatic entitlement to three weeks' annual paid holiday. Labour estimates that nearly 2.5 million British employees - 12 per cent of the workforce - get no paid

Britain is the only country

in the European Unioo where employees have no legal right paid holiday," a Labour spokesman said.

The Government has decided to implement the directive almost immediately and then, if re-elected next year, will try to change the governing European Treaty,

In a speech to the Lord Mayor's banquet, at the Guildhall, the Prime Minister last night repeated that the Government would threaten to veto any fur-ther European Treaty unless it included guaranteed cover for a British opt-out from employment legislation like the

A government source said later that Mr Major did not want the Working Time Directive to apply to Britain; any treaty change would have to be ret-

exemption from the provisions of the directive.

This means that if the European Court upholds the directive today, as expected, ministers will implement it as sooo as possible. Mr Major will then seek its revocation in a new treaty that is due to be conchided in Amsterdam next June - if he is re-elected in an ex-

pected May election. In his Guildhall speech, the Prime Minister said the Government would cootinue to resist proposals that would damage British competitiveness, costing the country mar-

kets and losing jobs.
"That is why the Working Time Directive, on which a European Court judgment is exan important point of principle.

working conditions in this country. They are very important.

Willetts denial Minister David Willetts denied "But the basic employee prothat he attempted to smother tections are long-established an investigation by a parliamentary committee into allein common law. There's no gations that MPs accepted case for extra prescriptive legislation from Europe - imash-for-questions. posed by qualified majority Zaire deadline voting against British objec-The population of Kinshasa, the tions - on matters that are now

best resolved between employ-Zairean capital, is bracing itself for violent demonstrations to-day, the deadline set by students er and employee. That is why, if the court rules against us, we will require and their political masters for Prime Minister Kengo wa Doochanges in European law to reinforce Britaio's protection do's resignation. from such legislation. Our partners know that. And they know that we shall insist upon these changes before they can con-Business & City . .17-19 clude any new agreements at the

ence next year." 48-hour week and you, page 4

# Whitehall bids to run all schools

Education Correspondent

Ministers are considering plans which would effectively nationalise education by taking school spending away from local authorities. The plans, put to ministers by

a powerful government funding quango, would mean one of the riggest steps towards centraliation since the war, The call from the Funding Agency for Schools, the body set

up to finance and plan opting-out, has been backed by head teachers' and grant-maintained schools' organisations.

It has caused outrage among local authorities, which say it could mean the cod of

local democracy, and has also been criticised by the Influ-ential National Commission oo Education. Ministers are unlikely to act pefore the general election to remove local authorities' pow-

ers, but many Conservatives would like to see a manifesto pledge on the subject. Some of them want the Goverument to pay the same

amount for all pupils, regardless of where they live. government plans for a new na-

tional financing scheme for grant-maintained schools. A spokesman for the agency, which has a hig role in implementing educational reform such as increased selection and

extra powers for grant-maintained schools, said some schools were much rieber than others under the current system. "Local authorities don't decide on the content of the cur-

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The funding agency has set the chairman of the Association out its proposals in response to of Metropolitan Authorities

standards. This is a logical ex-mocrats' education spokesman. tension of a pattern that has developed in recent years," he

However, local authorities are horrified by the idea that they could lose control of school funding and believe that such a move would be tantamount to abolition. They would be left to administer a few closely regulated areas such as school transport and special educational



Henry-Will: Schooled in the

needs, but would have very little real power. Graham Lane, education committee, described the move as "government by

This would destroy local government, and it would also destroy education for thousands of young people. I don't want a quango appointed by the Government running around interfering with locally elected bodies," he said. The proposal drew criticism from a oumber of quarters last night.

compared the powers the Government would take on to absolute monarchy. "It's a Henry the Eighth move," he said.

Labour's spokesman on education was more cautious. though. David Blunkett said he was oot in favour of a national funding formula but objected mainly on the grounds that schools could lose money and class sizes could rise. At present, couocils spend almost £700m more on education than the

Government says they should. Labour has not decided exactly how far it will go in setting out national rules on school

"It is very difficult for an agency based in York to make financial decisions which are sensitive to the occds of schools from Devoo to Liverpool and from Norfolk to Carlisle," Mr Blunkett said.

Lord Walton of Deichant, chairman of the National Commission on Education, said o believed in local decision-making. "At first sight I would feel uncomfortable about the total removal of all schools from any trol," he said.

A spokesman for the Department of Education and Employment said a number of organisations wanted local authorities' spending powers to be removed. Ministers were looking at their suggestions and at those on payment by results, he said. "We will look at it in the light of what people are saying and in the course of time ministers will decide what they

want to do." he said. Leading article, page 13

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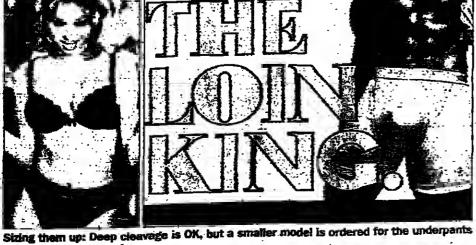
Marianne Macdonald Media Correspondent

Is it more acceptable to show a woman in a brassiere on an advertising boarding than a man in underpants?

An underwear company is grappling with the apparent sexism at the heart of this cuestion after being warned off running a poster campaign showing a male model wearing

underpants
Their proposed slogans of
"The Loin King" and "Full Metal Packet" are thought too checky, so to speak, But are they more so than the Wonderbra advert which shot Eva Herzigo-va's cleavage to fame under the legend "Hello Boys"?

Kevin Higgs, founder of Brass Monkeys, said that the Committee of Advertising Practice (CAP), an advisory arm of the Advertising Standards Author-. He wants to know why the makers of the Wonderbra adity (ASA), told him he should use



a "smaller" model if he wanted vertisement were not given the . it's fine to have a same looking same advice. "It's double stanhis poster campaign to run, dedards. If it was female underwear spite its appearance without it wouldn't be a problem," he said problems in men's magazines. yesterday. "They are probably all

female for men to look at, but you couldn't trust ladies on the high street with a picture of a old men at the ASA who think

Mr Higgs said members of CAP told him that an adver-tisement for Club 18-30, which featured a man's crotch over the slogan "Girls. Can we interest you in a package holiday?" had also had to be withdrawn. "I said, we're doing men's under-wear. What do they want us to do? We can hardly put the underpants on his head." A spokesman for the committee explained hreasts were

make us pay attention."

Crossword .....22 Features ........8,9 considered more acceptable than groins. "People will ap-preciate there's a difference Listings . . . . . . . . . . . . 20,21 between focusing on the groin area and the chest area in ad-Media . . . . . . . . . 14,15 vertising," he said. But Susie Or-Radio and TV ... 23,24 bach, the best-selling feminist writer, said the ASA's distinction was bizarre. "We take it so much for granted that we can display and sell women's bodies that we don't even pause for thought. It takes trying to sell men through their bodies to



It is a useful convention that when the Government has a hig piece of legislation planned, it issues something called a White Paper, setting out what it in-tends to do. By reverse logic you would have thought that when it hasn't, it doesn't.

So when the clever Scots lawyer, Malcom Rifkind - Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs - rose in the House of Commons to make a statement about his new White Paper, entitled "Free Trade And Foreign Policy - A Global Vision", wild horses would not have dragged me away from a Chamber in which History was about to he made. For when the words "Global Vision" are on the front of a "White



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Paper", the link has surely been made between great thoughts and great deeds – deeds against which the Labours of Hercules would seem puny and insignif-icant. And they said this goverament had run out of steam!

Here is what Mr Rifkind said. I have filtered out the eliches and unnecessary pieces of political persiflage, leaving smoothly. Britain is an Atlantic the distilled essence and most as well as a European nation.

"Madam Speaker. The Government's objectives are wide-

ranging [including] progress in implementing existing commitments, completing ongoing negotiations and initiating a further substantial liberalising work programme, and then a final poosh [Rifkindian for "push"] forward to achieve the target of global free trade by 2020. The Government is clear that free-market policies are hest. Political developments nver the last decade have created new opportunities. Throughout the world security and stability are an essential prerequisite for markets to function

We are determined to open up new opportunities. The Govemment has the vision to set this bold policy objective. It is our 2020 vision of the world."

Having unleashed this torrent of fresh, exciting new ideas on the House, Mr Rifkind could be forgiven for getting all shirty when bis opposite number. Robin Cook, suggested that the White Paper wasn't worth the paper it was printed on. "A farrago of nonsense", was how Mr Rifkind described Cookie's intervention, and one which indicated the "difference between sound-bite and strategy". The difference being (as far as I can see), that one is short and meaningless, and the other is in-terminable and meaningless. Earlier Deputy Prime Min-

ister's questions had brought to-gether three of the most em-ler) bad stopped itl Willetts hlematic men in the Government. Captain Charisma. Hezza himself, facing trou-hle over charges of wanting to suborn the civil service; Planet-brain David Willetts, Paymaster-General, was due up before some investigation, accused of committee tampering whilst a

stripe suit, utterly bland ap-pearance and way with platitudes - is a police artist's pression of a politician. Heseltine's outraged inno-cence was masterful. Having initiated the idea of civil servants undertaking work on behalf of the Conservative Party, it was he,

himself, who (with a little

whip; and Roger Freeman, who

- with his slicked-back hair, pin-

ler) bad stopped itl Willetts blushed and fumbled through his answers, his mind (engagingly) elsewhere. Mr Freeman slipped and slid between his questioners with an aplomb that would have done credit to a figure skater.

It was, however, Labour's Tony Banks (who increasingly resembles the ex-dancer and celebrity Lionel Blair both physically and in terms of his act) who summed up the mood. "There are 12 unexploded bombs in my constituency. ["Hear, hear" roared his colleague Paul Flynn, for no reason that I could discern.] And it's most unpleasant to think that you might be living over one of them." Amen, said Messis Heseltine and Willetts.

### significant shorts

### Row deepens over genetic engineering

British consumer groups and supermarkets added their voices to a growing European row over the lack of identification of American genetically-modified soya beans, which will soon be incorporated into hundreds of foods, such as bread,

margarine and chocolate. The Consumers' Association called oo the Government to take action to Sir Robert Stephens, as force food producers to label foodstuffs which could contain the altered soya beans. The first shipments mixed irretrievably with normal soya beans - arrived by ship from the US in Germany and Holland last

Meanwhile, Sainsbury's and Asda said they were working with suppliers to provide alternative sources of unmodified soya beans and provide full information to customers. The frozen food chain, Iceland, said in a letter to Greenpeace that it felt that Monsanto, which developed the "Roundup Ready" bean to be resistant to one of its herbicides, had been "irresponsible" in letting the beans into the marketplace. Charles Arthur

## Minister quits

to steer Bill A Tory MP last night said he had resigned as a ministerial aide at the Home Office, in order to introduce a Private Member's Bill to tackle underage drinking in the street. It will, bowever, carry guidance to stop the police raiding picnics.

Robert Spink, the MP for Castle Point in Essex, said be was forced by parliamentary convention to give up his role behind bars, he twice took as a parliamentary private secretary to take up the measure, which was drafted by the Home Office.

Police will be able to confiscate alcohol from people under 18, and tackle underage drinking in the street. Anyone refusing to obey police could be guilty of an offence carrying a fine of £500. Colin Brown

## Museum plan for textiles

A Tahitian mourner's costume made of barkcloth and pearl shell presented to Captain Cook is among hidden treasures likely to go on display in a world textile centre to be created within the British Museum's proposed £20m study centre.

The costume is one of 18,000 examples of textiles dispersed throughout the museum's many departments. which will be hrought together in the centre - the former Royal Mail West Central Sorting Office in

New Oxford Street. Aided by £8.1m from the Heritage Lottery Fund, it will also house the museum's archaeological material and collections of the Department of Ethnography. Stephen Goodwin

Heaney on prize shortlist Scamus Heancy and Adrian
Mitchell are among 10 poets
on the shortlist for the £5,000

week, the innvestor
parliament voted to
214 not to release
site. Fran Abrams

TS Eliot prize, announced yesterday. Judges Andrew Motion, Helen Dunmore and Ruth Padel picked the list of the 10 best collections of the year, and will also choose the eventual winner, to be announced on 13 January. Eliot's widow, Valerie, has

donated the £5,000 prize. The full shortlist is Ciaran Carson for Opera Et Cetera, Maura Dooley for Kissing A Bone, John Fuller for Stones and Fires, Seamus Heaney for equal opportunities, The Spirit Level, Stephen Knight for Dream City Cinema, Adrian Mitchell for Blue Coffee, Les Murray for Subhuman Redneck Poems, Alice Oswald for The Thing In The Gap-Stone Stile. Christopher Reid for Expanded Universes and Susan Wicks for The Clever

### Lange to star in West End 'Desire'

Hollywood star Jessica Lange will make her West End debut as Blanche DuBois in Tennessee Williams's classic play A Streetcar Named Desire, it was confirmed. yesterday. In the role that Vivien Leigh made ber own in the classic 1951 film, 46year-old Lange will act opposite Toby Stephens, son

Stanley Kowalski. Lange made her Broadway debut with the play in 1992, co-starting with Alec Baldwin, and it was later made into a film. Since then she has received a Best Actress Oscar for her part in

the film Blue Sky last year. The new production is directed by Sir Peter Hall. Previews run from 18 December for an npen-ended season at the Theatre Royal in the Haymarket.

### Killer wins legal aid fight

A double killer has been granted legal aid in his hid to become the first prisoner to

have a sex change operation. Doug Wakefield, 49, serving life at Frankland Jail, Durham, wants to sue the Prison Service for the right to have surgery on the NHS. Wakefield, who answers only to the name Dee, was convicted at Leeds Crown Court 22 years ago of murdering his uncle with a garden fork and then burying the body in a garden.

He later received a manslaughter conviction after killing a fellow prisoner at Parkhurst Prison on the Isle of Wight. Regarded as one of the most violent men prison officers hostage, trying to kill one of them.

### Britons face drug charges

Two Britons bave been charged with attempting to smuggle more than 20lbs of cocaine out of Venezuela.

James Miles, 18, and Paul
Loseby, 20, will probably go on trial within eight months. The two have not been sent to the notorious La Planta Prison, where guards recently killed 30 prisoners who rioted over their conditions. Instead, they are being beld in police cells in the capital,

The Venezuelan ambassador to the UK said they were arrested a week ago after a tip from Interpol that two "mules" would try to smuggle cocaine strapped to

### Postal vote on £20m Said gift

Dons at Oxford University are to have a postal vote on plans for a £40m business school, partly funded by the Middle Eastern husinessman,

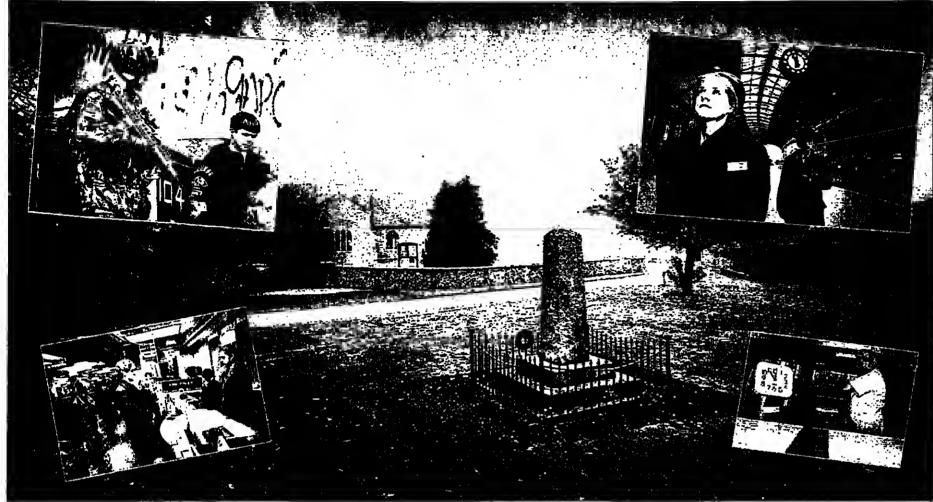
Wafic Said Around 3,200 academics will decide whether the new school, backed by a £20million donation from Said, should be built on a university sports ground in the centre of the city. Last week, the university's parliament voted by 259 to 214 not to release the

### Women risk bad hair days

Women who make it to the an unforeseen battle keeping their hair on. Hair loss is as serious a problem for women as it is for men because of the lifestyle and stresses brought about by

according to a report in the magazine, Hair International. Jonathan Capes, editor of Hair International, said: "A new generation of highpowered women are prime targets for the increased stress levels and poor diet which tend to go hand-inhand with business responsibility."

### In shops, stations, airports and schools, a busy world stopped turning



All quiet: The war memorial at Ickleton, Cambridgeshire, yesterday at 11am Photograph: Brian Hams Those observing the silence around the country included, clockwise, a soldier in Belfast, Newcastle station, at Cadbury's plant in Birmingham and Marks and Spencers store at Marbie Arch, central London Photographs: Newsteam/Pacemaker

# Records show grim toils of war

Jojo Moyes and Jessica Gawluck

Arthur Cockerill stands out from his 13 fellow soldiers in the Royal Engineers. His plump cheeks make him look curiously young next to his comrades; and he is the only one with an unlit eigarette in his mouth. "We've only just realised."

It looks like a hit of hravado. It states in careful, joined-up writing on his enlisting papers."

Arthur Cockerill's records.

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said his son, also Arthur, yesterday. Look at his haby lace. Public Records Office for First World War, giving his false date of birth as 1895. His

His two sons, Arthur and may well have been: Arthur, se- John, were at the office yester- hospitalised three times, but niur, was only 17 at the time – day, looking for clues to the two years younger than he wartime experiences of somehad preferred to say little.

What they found was that Arthur Cockerill, of Ruhin aged by fire during the Blitz, are Hood's Bay in Yorkshire, en-

gassed with Phosgene, something unknown to his sons. "Although he was gassed three times, you can see his medical condition was written as A1," said Arthur junior yesterday. That was not how his

medical records show he was

sons remembered him. "We'll always remember him as rather unwell. He was very ill especially in later life. He had very little lung function. When he died it was the result of an operation for which he couldn't

have an anaesthetic," said John. Their father was transferred tn the reserves in 1919 and given a 25 per cent pension. In 1923 that was reduced to 20 per cent. "He was a man of great spirit, but by the time he was 55 he chuld no longer work." Arthur junior said. He was

Cockerill's tale is just one of at all." Guerney was gassed at thousands which have come to Passebendaele seven months light with the release of 33,000 boxes of documents yesterday between 1914 and 1920. Also among them was the

war poet Ivor Guerney. Although he is commemnrated at Westminster Ahhey's Poet's Corner, records show he met his death in a far less celebrated manner, dving in a mental in-stitution in 1937. In April, 1917, Guerney had

been wounded, but not enough, as he wrote to Marion Scott, to he sent home. "Well, I am wounded: hut not badly; perhaps not badly enough; as although kind people told me it meant Blighty far me, yet here I am at Rouen marked 'tense' ... It was during an attack on Good Friday night that a bullet

hit me and went clean through the right arm, just underneath the shoulder ... it hurt badly for

later and suffered a mental collapse in 1918. During the next four years he tried to settle cinema pianist, clerk and farmworker, while often sleeping rough. He wrote much nf his poetry during this time hefore heing committed in

Guerney's and Arthur Cockerill's records are on temporary display at the Records Office, along with those of the war artist Sir Stanley Spencer and the actor Ronald Coleman to commemorate the records' release. Arthur Cockerill, junior, who donated the early photographs

of his father, said yesterday that despite his father's unwillingness to talk about the war, he would have "had a chuckle" to see himself commemorated and his records on public dis play. "Especially being on the wall next to Ronald Coleman,"

### given a full pension in 1953. half an hour, but now hurts not he added. 'Sadist in Nazi garb killed men for fun'

### Jonathan Foster

A sadistic and predatnry ho-mosexual became a serial killer for fun, stabbing four men in murders which left him feeling "at peace", a court was told yes-

Peter Moore's wardrobe had strnng Nazi influences. Alex Carlile, QC, for the prosecution, said at Mold Crown Court in north Wales. He liked to wear black leather when lurking at the meeting places of bomo-sexuals. The man in black black thoughts and the hlackest of deeds." Mr Carlile said.

Moore, 50, of Kinmel Bay, Flintshire, admitted during protracted police questioning to more than 17 attacks over 2tt years, none of them homicidal. But in May 1994, his mother died, an event which may have triggered "an extremely ugly change in character". Mr

Carlile said.

Moore, owner of four small cinemas, denies four charges of murder. The killings were carried out during three months beginning in September last year. Mr Carlile said Moore had

met the victims by chance. He tives that he had been cruising expected in be caught after ending his killing spree with the murder of his bank manager.

His first victim. Henry Roberts. 56, coincidentally on the heach was matched by shared with his killer an en-DNA profile to Moore. The thusiasm for Nazi parapherna-lia. Mr Roberts tried to protest he was not Jewish as Moore launched 27 blows with a combat knife he had bought a few days earlier for £25. The hody was left in the yard outside Mr Roberts' isolated home near Valley, Anglesey. A month later, Keith Ran-

dles, 49, a security manager, opened the door of his caravan late at night on a construction site near Mona, Anglesey, to be attacked by Moore, who stahbed him 12 times. Moore later told police that when Mr Randles asked why he was being attacked, he was told it was for fun. "He looked nonplussed." Moore allegedly had

In December, Tony Davies, 35. drove tn Pensarn Beach near Colwyn Bay, a meeting place near his bome for homosexual men. Moore told detec-

the arca when he saw Mr Davies expose himself.
Mr Carlile said Moore killed him with six stabs Blood found

wound had been caused as Mr Davies fought for his life. When police searched Moore's home, where he lived alone, they found property belonging to his victims in the house and in a garden pond. A knife hearing traces of the blood of a number of men was found in a bag belonging to

Moore. It was similar to the

blade scientific evidence would claim was used on the four men Moore's other victim was killed between October and December 1995. Edward Carthy, 28, from Birkenhead. was a drug addict and drunk whom Moore met in a homosexual bar in Liverpool, Mr Carlile said. The pair drove to North Wales, Mr Carthy drunk but trying to escape from Moore's van. He was stabbed to death and huried in dense for-

est near Ruthin. The trial continues

Daughter.

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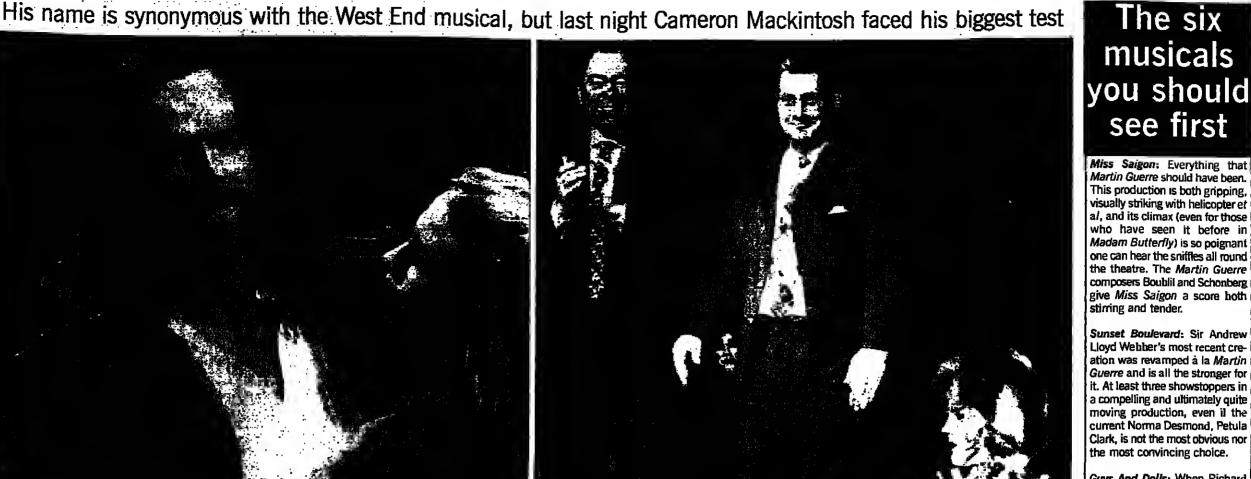
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should be a comic treat.

The Phantom Of The Opera: Another Mackintosh production. another Lloyd Webber score: both enhanced by direction and design which give the story a disturbing atmosphere. More memorable than the longer running Cats by the same producer-comoser team, and the only show in town for which you really do have to book up months ahead.

more famous musical competitors.



Guys And Dolls: When Richard Eyre's production first appeared in 1980 theatregoers slept outside the National to buy tickets for the first time since Laurence Olivier's Othello. Next month's revival is a welcome retum for a show with more humour and energy than all the other musicals in London put together. Imelda Staunton as Miss Adelaide

Oliver!: Slightly anodyne direction by Sam Mendes in this revival, but Lionel Bart's music and the incomigible rhymes in his lyrics ('Oliver, that was the mite with the large appetite') more than stand the test of time. It is a tribute to the generosity of producer Cameron Mackintosh that he is giving Bart a share of the royalties, even though there is no contractual obligation to do so.

Blood Brothers: Not a Mackintosh or Lloyd Webber In sight, but this Willy Russell show engenders great affection. A Liverpool sob story on a smaller scale than its blockbuster neighbours, it has proved a genuine family hit and could yet outlast its richer and David Lister



## Determined to succeed: Sir Cameron Mackintosh (right, at a production of 'Cats') is hoping to turn round 'Martin Guerre' (left) despite the critics' attacks Can theatre's man with the Midas touch restore his shine?

with the Midas touch has lost his grip on the public pulse or pulled off an-

Sir Cameron Mackintosh's £470 musical of Martin Guerre, the soldier. who "returns" to his village after years away and re-encounters his wife, itself returned after a short break, with a £500,000 facelift.

Critics arrived at the Prince Edward Theatre to re-review the show they attacked in July as being at times incomprehensible and lacking a

They would not normally re-review a show that has been revised during

show is not normal in any sense of break-even and with advance book-

Attantic were waiting last night to see the age of 20 but since 1981 and his story is only a a part of it. There is Cameron can prodoce three pages whether the West End's producer hit Cars, a new Cameron Mackintosh also Sir Cameroo's own psyche to of research about great musicals that production has been a theatrical event and its success or failure a parometer for the state of the muthe West End, and, not wholly flippantly, Britain's balance of

> So far Martin Guerre has not cut the mustard. It has been averaging 60 per cent houses. For the produc-er of Les Misérables, Miss Saigon and The Phantom Of the Opera that is a slap in the face. It is above break-even point (that is £140,000 a week on a £280,000 capacity take) hnt only just. And only just is not enough for investors in a West End show. Some

take mto account. The man whose first job was sweeping the stage oo the first production of Lionel Bart's Oliver has come to represent West End theatre.

He even has a revival of Oliver at the London Palladium and generously gives Bart a percentage of the takings. He owns two West End theatres, the Prince Edward and the Prince of Wales, and is keen to acquire more. He is self effacing, popnlar and generous, but he is no longer used to failure.

Last night Sir Cameron himself arrived at the Prince Edward Theatre armed with statistics.

Arts News Editor

the word.

The 50-year-old impressario has
The 50-year-old impressario has looking precarious.

The substant of the been producing in the West End since

Besides, the financial side of this that last night's relaunch showed, Sir

oeeded time to settle.
- Oklahoma, he will tell you, was considered a disaster and its premiere was dismissed with ooe classic qunte 'No Gals, No Gags, No Chance". West Side Story, Porgy And Bess and Carousel also suffered early reverses. Even his own Les Misérables was "considerably modified" after a

shaky start. If this sounds like the reaction of a worried man, or a man eager to justify his decision to relaunch a much criticised show and save a £3m investment, it could be hecause Britain's most successful theatrical producer, the multimillionaire with

To anyone who asks him if his £4m the Midas touch, has been having a rocky time.

A year that started with a knightood has receotly turned sour with Martin Guerre. After initial reviews found the show incomprehensible and lacking a memorable score it played to barely adequate houses. Advances olummeted after unfavourable and sometimes maccurate press coverage from £25,000 a day to £10,000 a day.

He has now pluughed a further £500,000 into revamping Martin Guerre, changing, he claims, up to 60 per cent of the show in the process.

A trip across the Atlantic last month offered little solace. Looking in on the Broadway production of Les Miserables Sir Cameron found it looking stale with 19-year-old students being played by actors well into

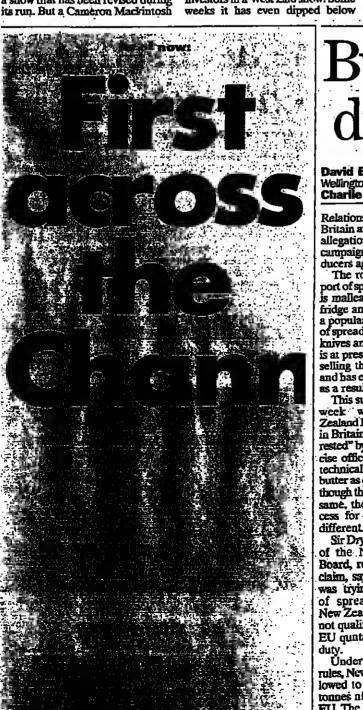
himself in conflict, not for the first time, with American Equity.

Part of the problem is Sir

able number of the cast and found

Cameroo's perfectionism. He likes tn see his blackbuster shows kept fresh with regular cast recewals even when they are displaying housefull notices. Part of the problem is his self belief. After after years of massive success he agrees that it is psychnlagically difficult in accept that a show may have failed". It is this same bullish self belief that allows him to claim that while sacking cast members of Les Miscrables he is their champinn in the fight for better con-

tracts nn Broadway. And so last night saw a second first night, a second wave of high profile pre show publicity, a second stylish after show party and the same set of their 40s. He decided to sack a size- critics writing a second set of reviews.



## Butter imports spread new discord with New Zealand

David Barber in Wellington, New Zealand Charlie Bain

Relations have soured between Britain and New Zealand amid allegations of a Europe-wide campaign to protect home producers against hatter imports.
The row centres an the import of spreadable butter, which

is malleable straight from the fridge and has quickly become a popular alternative to blocks of spread hard enough to bend knives and tear hread. Anchor is at present the nnly company selling the product in the UK and has enjoyed booming sales This success was soured last

week when several New Zealand Dairy Board executives in Britain were technically "arrested" by UK Customs and Excise officers who claimed that technically the product was not butter as defined by the EU. Although the raw materials are the same, the manufacturing process for the oew product is different

Sir Dryden Spring, chairman of the New Zealand Dairy Board, reacted anguly to the claim, saying British Customs was trying to block imports of spreadable butter from New Zealand by alleging it did not qualify for cotry under the EU gunta for reduced import

duty. Under international trade rules, New Zealand has been allowed to export nearly 77,000 tonnes of butter a year to the EU. The Board saw last week's move as part of a bid to erect trade barriers and protect Enropean dairy farmers. Sir Dryden said it was another example



A question of duty: EU regulations mean Anchor spreadable

Board added: "Under the

British investigation, officials are

looking at everything they can

get their hands nn in relation to

New Zealand butter. Some of

it smacks stroogly of attempts

to slap non-tariff trade barriers

on New Zealand."

of the dairy trade being "subject tn interference, cootrol and distortion by foreign governments'. He likened trading with the EU to pecling "the layers of an onion - there is always another restriction

Neville Martin, a spokesman for the New Zealand Dairy how many of its officials were and the case is continuing.

UK Custams and Excise were equally cagey. Although nfficials spent yesterday morning deep in discussion on the subject, they later refused to give details, saying that they didn't

comment on individual cases.

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However, they did confirm that they had received a written ruling from the European Commissinn four months ago saying that spreadable butter from New Zealand did not meet the qualifying conditions to benefram the reduced import duty. The ruling said the reason for

this apparently was because it is not "directly manufactured from milk and cream" a spokeswoman said yesterday.

The move could spell disaster fir Anchor, which has seen sales rise sharply by 33 per cent, year on year, since the new

butter was launched in Britain

in 1993. The firm sold 5,000 tonnes of spreadable butter If the British move succeeds. spreadable butter would be subject to a punitive rate of duty which would remove it from British shops. The New Zealand government has taken up the is-

sue with the European Com-

missioo in Brussels.

The British inquiry follows the seizure of a shipment of New Zealand Anchor butter by Dutch Customs in September last year. The Dutch claimed tests showed the butter contained too much fat to qualify for entry under New Zealand's EU quota and imposed an extra duty of NZ\$1.8m. New The board refused in say Zealand has lodged an appeal

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# Brown under fire over Social Chapter plans

lohn Rentoul and Michael Harrison

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, defended Labour's promise to sign the European Social Chapter to the CBl conference yesterday, under hostile

fire from government ministers. Despite advance headlines proclaiming that he would not give up Britain's power to block some social legislation, he stuck

to Lahour's existing policy, which is to give up blocking powers in some areas but not in

Mr Brown told the CB1 in Harrogate that a Labour government would not accept the extension of majority voting to matters of social security or require companies to appoint worker-directors, which would take away Britain's right to stop Euro-directives.

tempt to do so."

But in three other areas covered by the Social Chapter, Labour has long been prepared to consider giving up Britain's blocking power. They are: re-dundancy, conditions for migrant workers, and funds for job

"disgraceful con-trick". He said deception again this year is treating British business with his speech to the CBI last year his speech to the CBI last year - was trying to give the impression that Britain could choose which aspects of the So-

"When Tony Blair suggested last year that Labour could pick and mix from the Social lan Lang, President of the Chapter, his deception was put Board of Trade, accused Mr down to naivety. For Gordon Brown of trying to perpetrate a Brown to try to pull the same

cial Chapter it accepted.

He was backed by Michael Heseltine, the deputy prime minister, who pointed out that signing up to the Social Chap-ter – which Labour has promised to do by 1 January 1998

- would commit Britain to accept the outcome of majority votes on the existing core headings of the Chapter.

"It is not an à la carte menu," Mr Heseltine said.

The Social Chapter, a protocol attached to the Maastricht Treaty from which the Prime Minister negotiated an opt-out for Britain, provides for majority voting on five subjects, including the broadly-defined "working conditions".

Michael Portillo, Secretary of State for Defence, also in Harrogate, described the Chapter ing measures" based on "an outdated, trade union-driven anti-

management agenda". He added: "It is also immoral because it offers the prospect of rights and benefits to some which can only be provided by putting others out of work."

Mr Brown, also gave his clearest indication yet that a Labour government would set its inflation target at or below

Tories. For, unlike the government, we plan to deliver on our

inflation target," he said.
Mr Brown's aides pointed out that the present underlying inflation rate, 2.9 per cent, is not only well above the target for the end of this parliament, it is also higher than the European



Dear Tony, Don't you worry about being too smarmy. Bill had the same problem ton candidacy is Clinton's essential 'po-Political Correspondent

> President Clinton's advisers have already drawn up a strategy for Tony Blair in the run-up to the election, de-signed to deal with the perception that the Labour leader is too packaged and comes from a privileged background.

With George Stephanopolous, one of the American President's closest aides, set to travel to Britain to talk to Labour's election team, secret memos drawn up for Mr Clinton in the 1992 presidential campaign provide a striking insight into American thinking.

Some of the supposed problems faced by Mr Blair before the general facing Mr Clinton as he prepared to take on George Bush after winning the Democratic nomination, A report called the Manhattan Project listed his team's conclusions of research with small focus groups of floating voters: "1. Clinton is not real. He is pack-

2. Clinton is privileged, like the

Kennedys.
3. Clinton cannot stand up to the special interests. 4. Clinton cannot be the candidate

5. Clinton is for himself, not for people.
6. Clinton's message-ideas are dis-

The findings ecbo those of Labour's private polls, which identified some of the reasons older women in particu-lar were sceptical about Mr Blair. He is thought to be smarmy, too smooth and even too much like an American political candidate. His privileged ckground and the rows over his and Harriet Harman's choice of school, reinforced perceptions that he "says one thing and does another".

The Manhattan Project document Packaging staff: Stephanopoulos, a Clinton adviser Photograph: Steve Liss/Katz said: "The core problem of the Clinpopular broadcasters.

litical' nature." It recommended a "fundamental rethinking of your cam-paign", and concluded: "The campaign paign", and concluded: "I ne campaign has to take radical steps to depoliticise Bill Clinton." In another memo Mandy Grunwald, a 1992 Clinton team member who visited Mr Blair at the time of his election to the Labour leadership, argued that "moments of passion, personal reflection and humor do more for us than any six-second sound-

hite on the national news". Mr Clinton's advertisements re called the moment, aged 15, when he stood up to his drunken stepfather, and the candidate fought back against sexual allegations on a television talk show winning cheers from the studio audielection are uncannily similar to those ence by accusing the host of being "responsible for the cynicism in this country, you don't want to talk about the real issues".

On this side of the Atlantic Mr Blair departed from the text of his Blackpool conference speech last month to recall the moment, aged 11, when his father suffered a stroke that deprived him of the power of speech for three years.

The experience taught him the val-ue of the family, be said. "I don't pretend to you that I had a deprived childhood: I didn't, but I learnt a sense of values in my childhood."

Although the similarities between the Clinton and Blair strategies are largely coincidental, the close contacts between the two camps mean that there is much common thinking.

The Clinton memos, revealed in Martin Walker's book, The President They Deserve, include Ms Grunwald's argument that, "in tandem with our high-road, serious speech effort, we ought to design a parallel track of pop forts". This is similar to the approach pursued by Alastair Campbell, Mr Blair's press secretary, of selling the "real" Mr Blair to the tabloid press and



Makeover man: Labour is worried that Blair is seen as privileged

## How the work directive affects you

Barrie Clement Labour Editor

Who will the working directive

The directive is designed to cover most of the working population, but it is imprecisely worded. The most predictable effect will be that the hours worked by lawyers will increase. (and so will their earnings).

How many people work more than 48 hours? Around 4 million regularly work more than 48 hours, but not all of them are covered.

Are we talking about 48 hours a week or an annual average? The working time limit is meant to be averaged over a four-month reference period, but there is proEU's 48-hour rule to open new era for employers and staff

who work for their families; and

those who officiate at religious

ceremonies. Doctors in training

are also excluded.

vision for it to be extended by terway, lake transport, sea fishlaw or collective agreement to ing and maritime industries. either six or 12 months. However, the European Comnission is planning legislation Will it apply to staff in public to include them eventually.

and private sectors? Yes. Public-sector workers and Any other exceptions? those who are employed by privatised companies, which are bath considered to be "emanations of the state", have a better chance of invoking the directive from 23 November than workers elsewhere. Managements will be under an immediate obligation to comply: unions are prepared to take court

action if their rights are ignored. Air. rail, road, sea, inland wa-

What if someone refuses to

Some employees will not be included even in industries which are covered by the directive. Exempted are employees who determine their own hours or where the amount of time they work is not measured or predetermined. Examples given are "managing executives or other persons with autonomous decision-making powers"; people

work more than 48 hours? Because the 48 hours is an average over a period, no one can suddenly down tools after 48 hours have elapsed. For emplovees to invoke the directive. they would have to prove they had been made to work more than 48 hours over a period of four months and that they were nol categorised among the ex-ceptions. Peter Reid, the expert on the subject at the Engineering Employers' Federation, believes a complainant might have to wait two or three years for a result.

What are the other main pro-An equally important clause gives a guaranteed minimum three weeks' annual leave rising to four weeks in 1999. Almost 2.5 million employees have no paid leave; 4.1 million less than three weeks and 5.9 million are entitled to less than four weeks. Other provisions are a maximum average eight-hour shift in 24 hours for night workers; a rest break after six hours nonstop work; Rest periods of 11 hours daily and 35 hours

In the end, will it make any difference? The Government thinks not - because there are too many loopholes in the proposed legislation - while unions think they will

be able to negotiate improve-

## Heseltine accused over Tory cheerleaders

John Rentoul Political Correspondent

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, insisted yesterday that his plan to recruit Conservative "cheerleaders" in the public services had never specified that it should be car-

ried out by civil servants. John Prescott, deputy Labour leader, told Mr Heseltine in the Commons that a leaked memorandum from him to the Prime Minister "shows that far from being the person who sorted out the scandal of civil servants being used for party political purposes, you were the man who had the idea to begin with. You were caught red handed trying to subvert the impartiality of the Civil Service.

Mr Heseltine retorted: "You know full well that that is a travesty of the truth." Giles Radice, Labour chairman of the Commons Public Service Select Committee, protested that the memo "broke the spir-

it and the letter of the Civil Service Code", which requires its servants to be politically neutral. Mr Heseltine replied: "No, it certainly did not. It left open the question of how ministers should address the issue covered in the memorandum and with Sir Robin Butler [the Cabinet Secretary] I agreed it should be done through special advisers.

However, all the leaked corre-

spondence about the plan was between civil servants.

Mr Prescott demanded clarification of further apparent attempts to engage public servants in pro-Tory propaganda. A new leaked document from Mr Heseltine's department said "representatives of the police and magistrates" should be involved

in the initiative. Labour also attacked the husiness tour by the President of the Board of Trade, Ian Lang, which according to Margaret Beckett. Labour's trade spokeswoman, started yesterday "in one marginal seat and heading off for a few others, and is being organised by civil servants in the DTI and paid for by the DTT".



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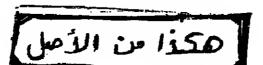
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# Dangers of the wild now lurking on city streets



Wildlife experts expressed amazement yesterday at an attack by a fox on a baby in his pram in a city suburb.

Frank Wheeler, head of small mammals at London Zoo, and Dr David Macdonald, head of Oxford University's wildlife conservation research unit, said they were astounded at the reported incident

The five-month-old baby, Phillip Sheppard, needed hospital treatment on Friday after he was bitten on the face.

Alerted by her son's crying Elena Sheppard, 36, ran into the conservatory of her home in Norbury, south London, to find the fox on top of him.

Mrs Sheppard and her hus-band, Marc. 37, a computer consultant, said there was blood on the baby's mouth and teeth marks on his lips. He was put on a course of antibiotics after a check-up at the Mayday Hospital in Croydon.

"The baby is OK, but it was a shock for him. The fox was biting my son's lips. I saw it with my own eyes. I would like people not to feed the doxes.

mally ran away rather than come into contact with people

Mrs Sheppard said yesterday:

Dr David Macdonald, of Oxford University, said the incident was "astounding". Foxes nor-



Shocked: Elena Sheppard with baby son Phillip

The availability of food determined where foxes lived. The "home range" of a fox in the suburbs with its resources including dustbins and takeaways might be about 40 hectares whereas a fox in upland England might roam more than 1,000

enormous pleasure from putting food out and watching foxes," he added.

Mr Wheeler at London Zoo said: "For a fex to attack a child in a house is something Γve never heard of. They're naturally one of the shyest animals. They are not dangerous. They have a very weak bite. But there's a definite trend for them to lose their fear of people because they're not being hunted,"

He said other countryside animals were also appearing in towns, such as rabbits. Rats and mice, now common, were further crast sm\_killer

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al inhabitants in the past. Professor Stephen Harris of Bristol University has estimated there are about 420,000 adult foxes in Britain with

425,000 cubs born every year. A spokeswoman for the Sheppards' local authority, the London Borough of Croydon, said they had adopted the London Wildlife Trust's fox code to enable residents and foxes to

live alongside each other. They issued advice to residents on how to deter foxes if they wanted to and if necessary their pest control people could try to catch nuisance animals.

# Victory for parents over head's sacking

Governors at Cheltenham College, whose dismissal of the school's head is being fought by parents, have agreed to an

The inquiry, to be carried out versities and Colleges Admissions Service, is examining whether the governors followed the correct procedures in dis-

missing Peter Wilkes. Mr Wilkes was dismissed after the school slipped from are quite happy for Mr Higgin 147th to 205th in A-level league to investigate. We want to know tables. Governors, who include General Sir John Waters, former deputy supreme allied commander Europe and Sir Michael Perry, chairman of Unilever, also criticised his managerial style and his relationships with senior staff.

But a meeting of parents voted by 620 to 7 in favour of Mr Wilkes' reinstatement and of the resignation of the school council (governors). They were also angry that they were initially given no explanation of the

power of governors in private schools. All state schools are required to have elected parents on their governing bodies but independent schools are not. Cheltenham parents, who pay fees of around £12,000 a year,

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secretary, they were told "matters between the council and its

employees are confidential". Later, governors sent a letter giving a more detailed expla-nation. They praised Mr Wilkes' gifts as a schoolmaster and his dedication to the school. They pointed out that the school's though they believed exam re-

sults were important. Yesterday Mark Hicks Beach, chairman of the parents' committee, said the parents' demands were unchanged. "We the truth about the procedures behind Mr Wilkes' dismissal.

"We hope the inquiry will recommend that the constitution of Cheltenham College should be totally reorganised. There should be more local members and it should not be self-

He said parents should have more communication with the council but he was not sure that necessarily meant having elected parent governors.
Two governors have resigned

ead's dismissal. In protest against the decision to give Mr Wilkes two terms' notice, but the rest of the council cannot constitutionally be forced to resign.

Parents met five members of the council on Friday and a further meeting will take place oo Sunday.

say they should be told more about what is going on. They fear that the change of head will mean a change of When purents first asked for ethos at the school and that an explanation for Mr Wilkes' pupils who are unlikely to excel dismissal from Air Commodore in exams will be thrown out.



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### Woman student 'stalking lecturer' A university lecturer claimed in leisure centre where Mrs

court yesterday that he was be-ing stalked by a woman student who believed he had "improp-

or sexual desires" for her.

Dr Robert Fine, aged 50, is seeking n High Court injunction to stop Eileen MeLardy both ering him at Warwick Univerclaiming damages for 140 listed occasions of harassment hetweeo 1994 and 1995...

Ashley Underwood, who is representing the senior lecturer in sociology, said the incidents began when Mrs McLardy was... a part-time student at the university. She was also nursing a sick mother and a child and "it appears she came under a great deal of stress and got it into her head that Dr Fine harboured some sort of improper sexual desires towards her".

This turned into a vendetta against him," he told Judge

Mr Underwood said Mrs McLardy, 50, constantly paraded outside his house in Newhold Terrace, Leamington Spa, with no cerie fixed grin on herface" until she had made sure she had been seen. He said Dr from approaching within 30 feet Fine's home was opposite a of his home. The case continues.

McLardy is a member and he does not complain about her right to be there. But it was the way she makes her way to and from the leisure centre which "makes his life so miserable".

. At work she has been standing and staring at him and follows him around the campus, be said. "We say it is deliberate contact designed to make his life miserable.

When asked about what she was doing, "she says it is a free world and she can do what she likes, and he deserves it because of what she said he did to her".

Mr Underwood said there had been attacks on Dr Fine's car which had been damaged or driveo away on several occasions. "More ecric still is what happened to his house. On one occasion somebody got into Dr Fine's house and turned off the central bearing radiators and leftthe hot tap running. Bizarre behaviour, we say."

Dr Fine is seeking an order

from the High Court restraining Mrs McLardy, of Tile Hill Lane, COMPAQ COSTS YOU LESS THAN CHEAPER COMPUTERS Coventry, from molesting or harassing him and stopping her

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# Jobs to die for – work takes grim toll on children of the world

Child workers around the world are being exposed to a number of lethal hazards including pes-ticide poisoning and toxic fumes in sweat-shop factories.

And according to a United Nations report published today the problem is twice as big as was previously thought, with an estimated 250 million children being forced to work for their

The rise in sexual exploitation for profit and risks of children working with chemicals and in dangerous industry require urgeot action and a new international convention focusing on the worst abuses, the

The revised estimate of the scale of exploitation has been produced by the International children uoder the age of 14 Labour Office (ILO), the UN's work full time and 130 million

agency for work issues, using new methods of assessing the

The ILO is oow demanding the concentration of resources types of child labour. Assefa Bequele, the report's author, said "We're not saying yesterday: "We're not saying that any child labour is tolerable, but for pragmatic reasons oo the most intolerable forms."

Although international pressure and governmental action has improved the lives of many, Mr Bequele said there was evidence that where children were still employed, it tended to be in more dangerous situations. Children as young as three were reported in factories producing matches and fireworks.

oot excluded with a rise in sexual exploitatioo in eastern Europeao couotries and a much smaller problem with child labour in places like the UK. The report claims 120 million The main problem areas are:

part time. The biggest problem was in Asia (153 million child workers), with 80 million in Africa, and 17.8 million in Latin America to Europe and the Middle East and from South and South East Asia to north-America, However, Europe was ern Europe. Several African countries, including Kenya and Zimbahwe, are seeing a rise in the numbers involved.

■ Agriculture – Children can be found mixing, loading and applying pesticides and fertilisers, some of which are highly toxic. machinery can be as high as 100

least five international networks Mortality among Sri Lankan decibels. Other hazards include exist, including from Latin children farm workers from pesticides poisoning is reportedly greater than from a combination of diseases including malaria, tetanus, diphtheria and polio. ■ Ceramics and glass factory work - Common in Asia where children carry molten loads of glass. The temperature inside the factories ranges from 40 to 45C and the noise level from

and toxic fumes: ■ Deep-sea fishing - In many

Asian countries, particularly Burma, Indooesia, the Philippines and Thailand, boys speed up to 12 hours in water banging on coral reefs to scare the fish into nets. Dozens are killed or injured each year from drowning or

identified, exposed and eradi-

cated without delay.

decompression illness.

Mr Bequele said ILO's expectation government between the perience was that the problem something about it."

many years were required to

But she added: "There are

eliminate it completely.

ILO's director-general, said should not be left to governchild labour was one of the faces ments alone. Community, of poverty, and efforts over labour and human rights groups

had helped force improvement

"When the ILO started expanding its programme on some forms of child labour to- child labour about 10 years ago, day which are intolerable by any . there wasn't a single government standard. These deserve to be that was prepared to work with there wasn't a single government us. But as a result of pressure there has been increasing con-Mr Bequele said ILO's ex-. : cern from governments to do



vers in India work up to 12 hours a day, six days a week, in conditions which are dark, dangerous and poorly ventilated Photograph: lan BerryMagnum

## Former NHS manager faces investigation over contracts

A former senior health manager is facing investigation by auditors following allegations that be used his public post to set up two lucrative contracts with a private firm he later joined as

George Walker is alleged to have used his position as commissioning director for Sheffield GP co-operative and £100,000 to Primary Care Multifund Ltd, a GP management company which manages the co-operative. He formally joined PCM as director the day after he retired from the health authority

Health Authority to award coo-tracts worth £35,000 to a new Mr Walker hecame director of PCM as early as 29 April.

■ Prostitution and trafficking

of children - The ILO claims at

The Sheffield Health Authority removed Mr Walker from his post as soon as they became aware of his involvement with PCM at the end of July. But he continued to work for the authority in another ca-

flict of interest and we did not want any question of a conflict of interest," Cathy Hamlyn, health authority chief executive, said. "This is a matter of probity and public services do have to keep their standards."

The health authority has only recently become aware of the

fice was asked to investigate at the beginning of October. Although the £35,000 con-

tract with the GP co-operative bas been approved, the health authority is now waiting until the auditors complete their investigation before approving the contract with PCM.

Mr Walker's actions were initially exposed by the Sheffield Community Health Council.

clearly contravened rules of accountability and codes of conduct," Janet Beyleveld, chief officer for the CHC, said.

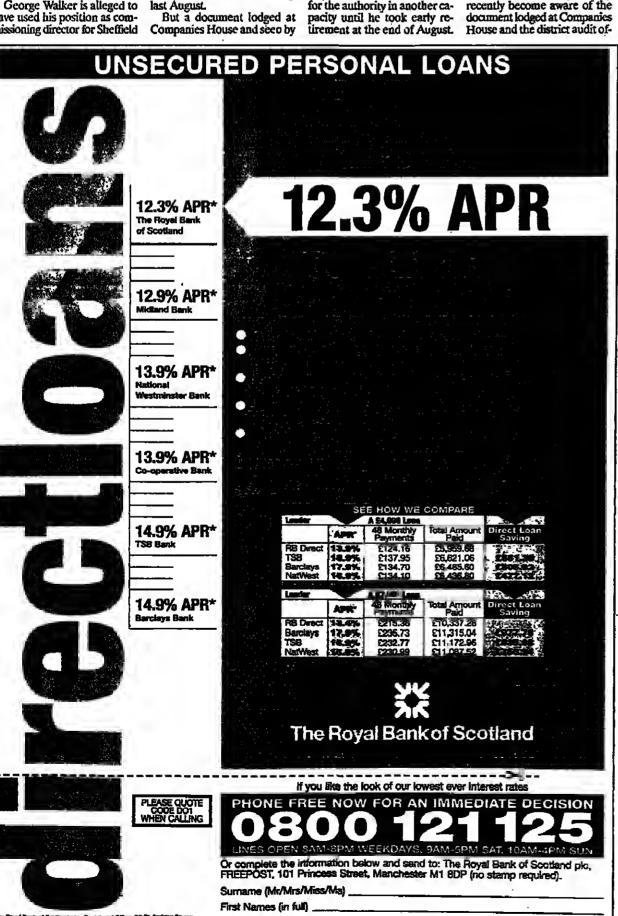
"This raises a oumber of continue to deny any involve-ment," she said, "Until there is a full independent investigation, we will continue to have

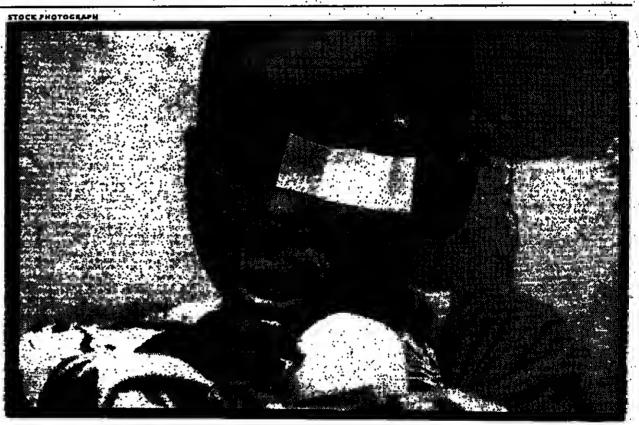
But Mr Walker said he was not actively involved with PCM until the beginning of September and that he thought questions on how he could the health authority was aware erative was part of his joh and of his appointment. "All I did was act as a reference point for the forms that came in,"

fund-holding in all its forms.

He said that his early involvement with PCM and setting up the new GP co-opthat he was happy to face investigation.

"I'm quite happy for the auhe said. "I was basically a post ditors to go in because I'm concerns about the co-operative box." In his former post at the completely innocent," he said.



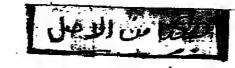


# Yesterday, he was beyond help. Today is a new day.

At time of writing, an MSF convoy is en route to Goma, where 80.000 people have been cut off for 2 weeks. Amongst the 50 tonnes of emergency supplies are special high protein biscuits (£2,650 a tonne). We're also flying in extra medical supplies to help us cope with the outbreak of cholera that inevitably follows a disaster of this scale. The most severe cases of the resulting dehydration will need about 25 litres of IV fluids each. This costs 85p per litre. For the people in Goma, as well as the hundreds of thousands of refugees still out of reach of the convoy, the situation becomes more desperate by the hour. We're doing all we can. If we're to be more effective, we need help urgently. Are you with us?

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# Hormones In sewage changing sex of fish

Nicholas Schoon Environment Correspondent

Natural female hormones excreted by women can feminise male fish, Government research has revealed. The concentrations of naturally occurring humao female hormones found in effluent from sewage works is extremely low - but still high enough to make male fish start to produce egg yolk

The researchers from Brunel University and the Ministry of Agriculture's fisheries laboratory also found a hormone used in some contraceptive pills, ethinyl oestradiol, was emerging in the effluent. But it was getting through in smaller quan-oties than oestrone and 17B oestradiol which occur naturally in women's urine.

The research was commissioned by the Government's Environment Ageocy, which has organised further studies to find out if these three hormones are affecting fish in rivers around the country.

We have a very potent cocktail getting into rivers," said Dr Geoff Brighty, a fisheries scientist with the agency. "We have to be precautionary and see if there is an impact.

The hormones exert their influence at an astonishingly low concentration - less than teo billionth of a gram per litre. That is equivalent to one gram of hormone io 100,000 tonnes of water, equivalent to a small lake. It required a genetically engineered strain of yeast to filter out the oestrogens.

More than 10 years ago it was found that some male roach in the river Lea and sewage settlement lagoons alongside it were becoming feminised their testes were partially ovaries and cootained eggs.

This discovery led to

cages next to sewage works out-lets started to produce the egg yolk protein vitellogenin. Something in the watery, cleaned-up

effluent was feminising them. The latest research, pnb-lished today, establishes that it is the three female hormones which are to blame - and not any of the tens of thousands of others chemicals found at low concentrations in sewage effluent. The finding is significant hecause scientists have suggested that a wide range of synthesised chemicals used in detergents, plastic product manufacture and agriculture can act as oestrogen mimics.

There are places-overseas where such chemicals have altered the sexual characteristics and behaviour of wildlife species after chronic pollution

or accidental spillages.
There are fears that these chemicals are also contributing to falling sperm counts, genital malformations in baby boys and the rising incidence of testicular cancer in some western nations. Environmental pressure groups are devoting increasing resources to campaigning about this threat.

■ The Government is setting new targets for curbing pollutioo in an effort to improve the oatioo's health. They cover indoor and outdoor air quality, noise, lead in drinking water and levels of radoo - a radioactive gas which wells up from the ground naturally and can cause lung cancer. Hitting these targets depends

as much upon the actions of local councils, doctors and public | sent instrument - and the only health officials, voluntary groups and individual families as it does upon the actions of central government, John Gummer, Secretary of State for the Environment, said yesterday. The

Lord Menuhin seeks benefactor to buy violin for young virtuoso, but it won't come cheap ...



a company will buy it and I could have it on loan," he said,

"But we have had very little time

Antonio Stradivari, who died

since we discovered the violin."

259 years ago, would not be surprised to learn that he is still considered the maker of the

world's finest violins, with fol-lowers including Anne-Sophie

Mutter and Nigel Kennedy. The plaque on his house in

the Piazza Roma, in Cremona,

Lombardy, notes that Stradivari

"brought the violin to perfectioo

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He learnt his trade in Nico-

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## 300 and still in tune: what's so special about a Strad?

Marianne Macdonald Arts Correspondent

A hrilliant Taiwanese violinist has so impressed Yehudi Menuhin that he has written an open letter asking for a bene-factor to donate a violin worthy of the virtuoso.

Lord Meouhin has discovered that the perfect instrument does not come chean. Leland Chen, 31, believes his perfect musical match is a 1694 Stradivarius, to be auctioned at Phillips on Tuesday next week. It is expected to fetch up to £700,000 - 70 times the value of his preway he can play it is if a beoefactor buys it for him.

The instrument, known as the Baillot-Pommerau violin after two of its earliest owners, has an unusual depth and tooal programmes which "Health of the Natioo" strate- the five other Stradivarius vio- really work for me," Mr Chen showed that all around Britain gy, which set 27 targets in 1992. I him he has played. "It is the mar-



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to merge with MCI to create Concert - with the suggestion made a commitment to sponsor

Maureen Phillips, Mr Chen's and lead it to Mr Chen because maoager, has approached their names have the approference, and for some unknown British Petroleum and BT - due priate initials or associations. Although oeither has yet

Elvis, Lenin and the Stradivarius

■ The 'Mendelssohn' Stradivarius violin was the most expensive musical instrument, sold for £902,000 at Christie's in 1990 Stradivarius violins were covered in propolis - the same sub-stance used to embalm Lenin's

■ Elvis played the violin and is rumoured to have owned a Strad. Nigel Kennedy's Strad was sold to an American collector for

■ Julian Lloyd Webber's Strad cello is so precious to him that he sleeps with it every night by

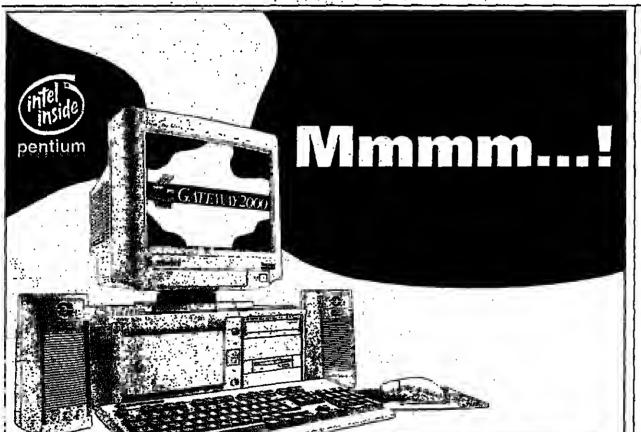
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# Incompetent dentists facing tough new curbs

Health ministers are preparing tough new disciplinary measures to curtail the activities of inadequate dentists who continue to work privately after being consured by disciplinary bodies following allegations against them over their NHS

Patients are alleged to have had metal dental instruments left inside their gums, healthy teeth destroyed by unnecessary treatment and been reduced to a diet of soup and soft foods. Io other cases, dentists have claimed payment for work they have not done.

The measures, in a draft Bill which will form part of ao amendment to the Dentists Act 1986, follow coocern by the General Dental Council, the regulatory body for Britaio's 30,000 dentists, that it does not have enough disciplinary powers. The council is being asked to

examine allegations concerning William Duff, a Glasgow dentist. Mr Duff who is in his thirties, until recently had a practice at Maryhill Road, Glasgow. and has now moved to Kil-



Biting back: The new disciplinary measures will offer greater protection for patients receiving treatment outside the National Health Service

barchan. Renfrewshire. Mr Duff was fined £1,500 and struck off a list of NHS-approved dentists by Greater Glasgow Health Board last year for failure to maintain ade-

In its adjudication on the case of Moanne Russell, 33, the health board complained there were many discrepancies be-

quate records, but be can continue to work privately. tween Mrs Russell's treatment record and the form Mr Duff completed for NHS payment, and that he had claimed for work out completed.

Mr Duff's case is likely to go

sional conduct committee. Last night, in an adjournment debate, in the House of Commons. Maria Fyfe, the Labour MP for Glasgow Maryhill, argued that

before the council's profes- not enough is being done to safeguard patients who suffer lasting pain and disfigurement from shoddy dentistry. She is coocerned that the

growth of the private sector is

Photograph: David Sandison

making the problem worse. On Friday, a High Court judge granted permission for 92 patients jointly to pursue damages against dentist Barry Garrett, who now practises in Sale, Cheshire. If their complaints are upheld Mr Garrett could face damages claims of up to £2m. Last year, Mr Garrett, 48, was

successfully sued for £185,000 by eight patients who said he had carried out unnecessary treatment oo their healthy teeth. Mr Garrett had been struck off by the General Dental Council in 1989 for serious professional miscooduct, but was allowed to return to work two years later.

Humberside, were left traumatised. One victim, Jane Appleton, 25, had 99 tooth surfaces worked on unnecessarily. Dawn Eling, 29, had the broken end of a drill left in one of her teeth

him he was hurting her. Her £27,477 damages : included \$6.000 pounds for psychiatric

Melanie Fenton, who endured 30 two-hour appointments with Mr Garrett said: "I want this man struck off once and for all. No one should ever be at risk of being put through

what we've suffered." Mr Garrett, who has a degree in dental surgery from Dundee University, was insured and will have all his legal costs paid for by the Medical and Dental Defence Union of Scotland

Nigel Walshe, a solicitor and former patient of Mr Garrett, who has represented most of the victims after settling out of court himself for £2,000, said: "The judge [in last year's case] recognised the gravity of what the dentist did, so oow will the General Dental Council? And if not, why not?"

Stepheo Hancocks, spokesman for the General Dental Council, said: "The measures in this draft Bill will give the council a variety of extra powers involved with suspension and will also allow greater flexibility." He said the new measures

would give greater protection to dental patients who had treatmeot outside the NHS. A noo-NHS patients' complaints; procedure is being set up. It is: something that we have been asking for for years."

Currently, private patients who believe they have been viotims of sub-standard deotistry can only seek redress through the civil courts. The draft Bill will be completed by the end of The court was told that next month and will be subject patients he treated in Driffield, to a period of consultation.

A spokesman for the Department of Health said: "It's all to do with powers to act against misconduct in the dental profession and will bring dentists; into line with the tight guidelines

### DAILY POEM

Airmail

By Kevin Crossley-Holland

When my words fly I want them fast and fiery as cardinals.

And soft, I add. immeasurably soft, straying and resolute thinking of your parts (your lower lip, for instance).

But more than resolute: I want them indestructible. Made of air, and winging it; made of shining steel.

The Language of Yes, his first collection since New and Selected Poems 1965-90. A poet, but also a librettist, children's writer and translator of Anglo-Saxon tales - Beowulf and the Exeter Book Riddles amongst them - his work has always been concerned with the omnipresence of the distant past. Here, the



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# Voyage of doubt for US Far East fleet

Richard Lloyd Parry On board the USS Independence, Sea of Japan

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The bridge of the *Independence*, the US Navy's oldest and most famous aircraft-carrier. encourages feelings of confi-dence, and Captain Tom Fellin, the commanding officer, has them in abundance. Every minute, a warplane is catapulted into the air from the ship's flight deck. From the bridge, you can just make out the shapes of smaller vessels. American and Japanese, taking part in Operation Keen Sword, an exercise involving 22,000 personnel.

"I have on this boat five

thousand of the toughest Americans you're going to find any-where, he says. They operate the ship, they arm the aircraft, they work a 16-hour day nonstop. These guys ear nails for breakfast." Only one question appears to trouble the jovial skipper: why is the Independence here in the first place?

Not long ago, the answer would have been obvious. As flagship of the Seventh Fleet, its main role was to deter and repel an attack on Japan or the United States' other Asian friends by the Soviet Union, But that threat has evaporated, and oothing has yet taken its place. er and hooest broker, absolving

Capt Fellin mentions Tai- Japan of the need to defend it-wan, where the *Independence* self alone and preventing an sailed in April, as China conducted missile tests in the runup to Taiwanese elections: He mentions North Korea, suspected of planning its own test missile firing. But the question is tricky. "It's difficult to tell exactly where a contingency might arise in this day and age. The reason we're here is to be

Ready for what? This question has dominated East Asian diplomacy since the Cold War ended. On it depend millions of livelihoods, billions of dollars, and the security of the fastestgrowing region in the world.

The official answer, on which
President Bill Clinton's second-term foreign policy will be based, is in a Defense Department report issued last

year. Where US troops once deployed against the Soviet threat, it argues; now they face a different enemy: instability. Like Europe earlier this century, Asia is marked by the rise and

fall of great powers. Regional flash-points, like North Korea and Taiwan, could endanger new markets in Asia. For its own good, as much as those of its allies, the US has responsibility to act as big broth-

arms race. "Security is like oxygen," said the author of the Pentagon report, Joseph Nye, an academic. "You tend not to notice it until you begin to lose it." When it was published, the

report did little more than affirm the status quo, but it has been challenged by academics and by events in the region. Among the former are those who argue that in giving Japan a free ride on defence, the US is being taken for a ride of its own, and that security should be a trade-off, with Tokyo opening markets in return for protection. Others say the US umbrella has contributed to poor relations -cushioned from reality by the Seventh Fleet, Japan has never had to develop mature relations with China and Korea, and

remains diplomatically stunted. The most significant objections came in September last year, when a 12-year old girl was raped by US troops in Okinawa,

Seeking a role: A Homet aircraft being checked on board the Independence, flagship of a force whose traditional Soviet foe has evaporated

the small Japanese island which is home to a third of the 100,000 US troops in East Asia.

the rest of the region, Dr Nye's security oxygen suffocated Okinawa, a quarter of which is giv-

en to US bases, with their attendant problems. The uproar forced the two governments to come up with a plan in reduce the bases and, for the first time, Japanese diplomats are contemplating a time when US

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troops may withdraw from Japan in large numbers. In the end, all these cogita-

question; what is the future of China? There is little doubt that.

matched by an enlarged, modernised military. Dr Nye and his president use the word "engagement" to describe their policy towards Peking; to their early next century, it will have critics, deployment of 100,000

the world's largest economy.

Independence to Taiwan in April looks like a self-fulfilling prophecy. Having seen off one Cold War adversary, they risk, by their presence, contributing

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# China in oil talks with Baghdad

China is holding talks with Iraq to sign what it describes as "massive" oil exploration coo-tracts. The official Xinhua news agency said Peking was negotiating a 5-million-ton-a-year oil production cootract with the possibility of helping Iraq set up another field with a capacity of 15 million tons.

Peking has made no secret of its wish to re-establish trade links with Baghdad if United Nations sanctions are lifted. Iraq could help meet China's growing demand for imported crude.

China was an eothusiastic backer of the "oil-for-food" deal brokered by Iraq and the United Nations in May, which would have allowed Baghdad to sell \$2bn (£1,200m) of oil over six months to buy food and medicine. That deal floundered when Iraq intervened in fight-ing between Kurdish factions in

August.
The three sentence-long report published yesterday by Xinhua gave no specific information about the negotiations between the state oil grant Chi-na National Petroleum Corpo-ration (CNPC) and Baghdad. But last month the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) re-ported that Iraq and China had initialled a productionsharing deal to develop the al-Ahdab oilfield in central Iraq. The survey said it was the first such agreement to be initialled by the Iraqi oil authorities and represented an important challenge to the UN sanctions regime". It is not clear whether this is the same as the negotia-tions referred to yesterday by

rope, Asia, and the Middle East have also held talks with Baghdad.

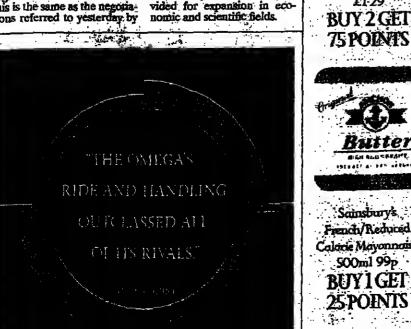
China, whose buoyant economy is driving up oil imports, is eager to reach an understand ing with Iraq ahead of any revived "oil-for-food" deal, or an eventual dismantling of the broader economic sanctions. Last year China imported 17 million tons of crude oil and this is forecast to rise to more than 40 million tons by the year 2000 and 100 million tons by

As one of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council China has been a less than eothusiastic supporter of continued sanctions against Iraq, which were imposed in 1990 after the invasion of

In August, when the "oil-for-food" deal was still oo track, Chinese oil and trade officials admitted that discussions had been held with Iraq on cooperation in seismic studies and exploration and that some Chinese companies had signed draft contracts on joint exploration. CNPC officials had vis-

ited Iraq several times.

Shi Weisan, director-general of the West Asia and Africa department of the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Co-operation, was quoted in an official publication as saying he had made a one-week trip to Iraq at the end of July and ear-ly August, accompanied by rep-resentatives of six Chinese companies. During that trade mission Iraq and China signed a protocol on economic and vided for expansion in eco-



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# Zaire's silent capital braces for mob rule

David Orr Kinshasa

The population of Kinshasa, the Zairean capital, is bracing itself for violent student demonstrations. The students and their political masters have set today as the deadline for the resignation of Kengo wa Dondo, the Prime Minister. Mr wa Dondo, unpopular as much for his Tutsi anestry as for his policies, has become the main focus of discontent after the Zairean army's humiliating defeat by Tutsi rebels in the east.

Yesterday the streets were all but deserted and the shops were closed after student activists declared a ville mort (dead town). Youths manning makeshift barriers turned back motorists on the road to the airport while troops looked on.

It is now a week since the students started rampaging through the capital's streets. So far two bave been shot dead by the military. Every day bundreds of cars are seized by youths and driven around the city, horns blaring. Shortly after leaving the airport my taxi was hijacked by chanting youths, many of them

Stones and bottles flew through the air as young men danced on the bonnet of the car. One took charge of the wheel while others hustled the driver into the back seat. Finding myself, in effect, kidnapped I opened the door and threw myself out of the moving vehicie. Soldiers at a nearby petrol station were too busy looting beer to take much notice. The political order, or what

stands for such in the anarchy of Zaire, has collapsed since the Tutsi Banyamulenge rebels and their Rwandan allies routed the army. In the vacuum caused by the continuing absence of President Mobutu Sese Seko, the opposition has been able to exploit the frustration of the populace. The man helieved to he behind the protests in the capital is Etienne Tshisekedi, an ousted prime minister and opposition leader. However, his support is limited and regional. It is widespread dissatisfac-

than any forceful leadership

on the part of Mr Tshisekedi

that has been the main motor

could spill over into rioting and looting," said a diplomat. "When their emotions are pushed over a certain limit, damage. The rank-and-file of the military could easily get fed up and provoke looting.

Looting is a commonplace in this country where the military is paid a pittance or not at all. The last outbreaks occurred in 1991 and 1993. Many feel that only the return of President Mohutu, still recuperating in Europe after a cancer operation, can rescue Zaire.

Kisangani, a large town west of the area in which fighting has taken place, is said to have suffered severely from the ill discipline of the war-weary and poorly provisioned soldiers. Other villages are said to have been ransacked and their inbabitants driven out. "The military is fragmented

and dangerously volatile," said one diplomat. "Mobutu is the only one who can control the tion with Mr wa Dondo rather army. I believe he will come back soon but the longer he stays away the more uncertain



Sole provider: A lone shoeshine boy working on during a general strike in Kinshasa yesterday, as Zaire fell further into anarchy

proved United Nations' promulti-national humanitarian protection force in Zaire. But

posals for the intervention of a if adequate aid is to reach more than 1 million civilians and refugees who have been dis-

such a force, deemed essential British participation in any in- not through its eastern region

The Zairean government in-

ternational operation that over which it no longer has any. Committee of the Red Cross so far no strategy bas been placed by the fighting. It is now sists that all relief efforts must says its attempts to despatch airalso blocked from agreed for the deployment of understood that there will be no come through the capital and borne relief supplies to the dissection.

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## Mandela ready to send in troops as the West hangs back

Emerging plans for an international operation to intervene in Zaire were trapped in a vicious circle last night. No Western power - the US, Britain or France – is prepared to intervene without a clear objective and a clear picture of what they are going into, what the opposition may be, and how well-armed they are. But without troops on the ground, they have little prospect of finding out.

In Johannesburg, President Nelson Mandela said yesterday he was prepared to send South African troops to central Africa as part of an international force, though he added that he had not decided how big a

Arms are flowing to the rebels from Rwanda, Uganda and Angola, writes Christopher Bellamy which would make any attempt by Army against the Hutus two years

Tutsi rebels within Zaire, known as the Banyamulenge - \*people from the Mulenge hills"; the mainly Hutu former Rwandan government troops who have been sheltering in the refugee camps in Zaire, known as the Interahamwe - "those who fight together"; and the Zairean forces.

The Interahamwe are estimated to be 40,000 strong. There are about 400,000 Banyamulenge perople, suggesting they could also field a force of up to 40,000 fighting troops. On the evidence so far, they are relatively well-disciplined. The Banyamuleuge Little is known about the princi- control all three airfields in the re-

the Zairean government to move troops into the area very difficult. Africa is awash with arms, though

mainly the smaller variety - rifles, machineguns, band-held anti-tank weapons and mines. They tend to flow to where the market is best. The Banyamulenge have been lying low for some time and would have acquired arms over many years.

More recent supplies come from four main sources: those they have bought or captured from the ill-disciplined Zairean army: from Rwanda - where some of their number pal warring factions: the mainly gion: Goma, Bukavu and Kivu, fought with the Rwandan Patriotic

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ago: from Uganda, where many members of the current Rwandan government were educated and where links exist which would result in a blind eye being turned to arms resupplying them, but the French shipments into north-eastern Zaire; have denied this categorically and it shipments into north-eastern Zaire; and lastly from Angola. During the seems unlikely that they would have Angolan civil war, arms flowed from Zaire's Shaba province into Angola. More recently, it seems they have started flowing back again via

Some of the mainly Hutu Interahamwe took part in the genocide against Tutsis two years ago, and have heen hiding out in the Zairean one where they will consider inter-

South African and US arms dealers:

refugee camps. They are now being driven east by the Banyamulenge. They took arms with them when they cussed: the creation of a safe area fled two years ago. There have been rumours that the French had been continued to do so after the genocide of 1994. However, some arms did pass to the Hutu groups through Goma, with the congivance of the Zairean authorities.

Over the past few days, the main western powers have moved from extreme unwillingness to intervene to around an airport where the refusees could be concentrated, and the cre-ation of corridors to enable refugees to return gradually to Rwanda.

"No one knows the exact situation on the ground, no one knows what the intervention force would do - intervene between whom and whom?" said a senior diplomat in Nairobi. You can't go rushing in with troops without knowing what the mission is," said Nicholas Burns, a US State

Department spokesman.

proposing intervention, and seemed the most likely to lead the operation. but there are grave reservations because of their history in the area and their former support for the Hutus. The French Foreign Minister,

Hervé de Charette, yesterday tried to calm reports of differences between France and the US over the crisis. "Undoubtedly in the past weeks there were some bitter words exchanged between our two countries fortunate," be said, "But there is no conflict of interest between France and the US in Africa". Mr-de Charette said France was ready to contribute 1,000 troops to a 5,000-The French were to the fore in also put 1,000 troops on alert.



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## Britons injured as Zambia poll sparks student riots

ernment yesterday closed Zambia's largest university after riot police moved in to quell po-litical unrest ahead of next week's general election.

Police used teargas and batons to disperse students demonstrating against a ban on a planned march to the presidential residence. They wanted to protest against a poll on 18 November which many opposition parties intend to boycott.

Closure of the campus follows two days of unrest in which 10 students were arrested and several people injured, including a British Airways crew.

The University of Zambia has been closed because the atmosphere here is not conductive to academic work," the universal of the consensus on the rules govern-

students armed with stones fought pitched battles with police and barricaded roads leading into the campus. Traffic on a nearby highway was stopped for part of the morning as stubaton charges. The campus was later sealed off.

Student leaders said they wanted President Frederick Chiluba to reopen dialogue

sity senate said in a statement. ing the elections. "Today's riot The announcement came as was caused by an unwarranted attempt by police to disrupt a peaceful demonstration by stu-

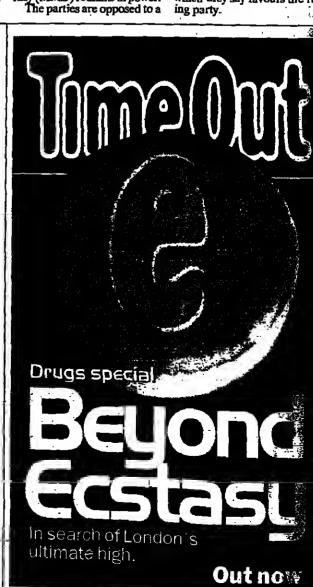
dents," a student leader said. Seven opposition parties, including former president Kenneth Kaunda's United National dents pelted motorists before Independence Party (UNIP) being driven back by teargas and are boycotting the polls, which they say have been arranged to ensure that the ruling Move-ment for Multi-party Democ-

racy (MMD) remains in power.

that they are not native-born Zambians. Mr Kaunda was the country's head of state for nearly three decades, leading Zambia to independence and ruling until Mr Chiluba defeated him

in polls in 1991. Opposition parties are also unhappy with the voters' register, which omits 2.3 million of the 4.6 million eligible voters and with the state-owned media's coverage of campaign which they say favours the ru-







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# German threat to scupper currency pact

Brussels

A growing power battle between Germany and other Europeancountries over who lays down the law for the single currency could prevent agreement in December on a crucial

system of budget rules and sanctions. It had been expected that a long-awaited "stability pact", containing rules for governing the use of the euro, would be signed at the Dublin summit in December.

However, European finance ministers, meeting in Brussels yesterday, failed to decide what those laws should be. The ministers

were also far from deciding what Chancellor, said he was "very scep-European body should enforce the tical" about the idea of such a "dislaws. Jean Arthuis, the French finance minister, has proposed radical plans, supported by Germany, for a new informal "economic government" to be called a "stability

The council would operate as a "G7-style club", modelled on the Group of Seven industrial countries, and consisting of only states inside the single currency.

Creation of such an exclusive new political club would have serious implications for Britain, which would be excluded it it "opts out". Yesterday Kenneth Clarke, the

creet club" which could create new division between those inside economic and monetary union (EMU) and those outside.

The creation of a stability pact and stability council are the single most important building blocks for EMU, and a delay will raise questions about the determination of member states to proceed.

Germany, which first proposed a "stability pact" a year ago, wants the rules for budgetary discipline to be as strict as possible in order to ensure that the euro is as strong as the mark. Without firm evidence that its partners will keep their spending un-der control, Helmnt Kohl, the German Chancellor, fears he may be unable to sell the single currency to his own public. A senior German official said: "It is vital that our government achieves the results it wants. Without an effective stability pact the

German public will not be con-

German frustration with the laxity of rules currently being pro-posed has pushed Bonn to threaten to opt out of the current negotiations altogether, by seeking tougher deals with only those countries who qualify to join at a later date. Such deals would be done outside the terms of product. Exemptions can be made

the Maastricht Treaty. Germany has underpinned its threat by saving it has legal advice that it has the power to go it alone, should other member states not toe its line. However, most other EU member states, including Britain, hope that

Bonn's hard line is a bargaining threat. Germany's stance would place them in an unacceptable economic straight-jacket, they say. Under the complex system of rules for the stability pact now on the table each country inside EMU must accept a sliding scale of fines if it allows its budget deficit to rise

for countries in "exceptional circumstances" - for example, if they have suffered a natural disaster. Exemptions can also be made in cases of a severe economic downturn. Germany's prime demand is that the "severe economic downtura" be defined far more rightly than the Commission or its partners can accept. Germany is also demanding stricter rules for enforcement of fines against

countries which let their budget

deficits slip out of line. As other member states focused on German demands yesterday. Mr Clarke, found himself obliged to justify to Euro-sceptics back home his repeated support for a stability

unprecedented transfer of sovereign powers. Public spending and lax would in future be scrutinised by Brussels and the government would be fined if it stepped out of line.

However, Mr Clarke vesterday countered that the stability pact can only be good for Britain as it aims to ensure sound economic management, which is already part of gov-

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ernment policy. The pact would help keep Euro interest rates down, and this could only be good for Britain whether it is "in" or "out" of the single currency.

## EU auditors expose 'dodgy' £3bn payouts

Katherine Butler Brussels

The EU's spending watchdog will today slam European gov-eruments for mishandling at least £3bn in taxpayers' money last year. For the second year running, the European Court of Auditors will announce that it cannot certify the legality and regularity of EU payments - totalling £55bn - because it has found so many discrepancies.

The court estimates that almost o per cent of all payments from the 1995 budget were subject to "substantial and serious" error.

The court's audit revealed that the transactions underlying the payments for the financial year contained too many errors for the court to be able to provide global positive assurance as to the legality and regularity of the transactions concerned", it

Fraud is involved. But the auditors also blame a mix of waste, mismanagement and sloppy controls or lax application of the rules by member states, particularly in the two biggest spending areas: regional or social grants and agriculture, which together account for 75 per cent of payments.

payments of the order of £3bn were dodgy. We are decidedly unhappy about the handling of those sums. If the auditor of a private company entered this

reservation in the annual accounts, there would be uproar among the shareholders," one senior court official said yes-

The harsh judgment appears to give British critics a further stick with which to beat the Brussels bureaucracy. But the report is more an indictment of national administrations.

The auditors found that 90 per cent of the errors relating to payments were in member

If these were the accounts of a private company there would be uproar among shareholders'

states, not in Brussels. Frequently, it was at the level of local or regional organisations who were found to be dishing out cash to schemes which were ineligible for funding. Farmers were given money

for setting aside non-existent fields or for owning herds of What we are saying is that non-existent cows or sheep. Even £3m from a fond to help fraud went missing because of of assurance" on the annual aclax controls, the auditors say. . Denmark paid out £12m in

EU subsidies to exporters of cheese to Iran who were not entitled to claim it. The notorious olive oil regime which benefits Italy, Spain, Greece, France and Portugal is once again cited for its total absence of reliable controls.

The auditors are scathing about the operation of the EU's vast social fund which has disbursed £22bn since 1993; it requires an urgent overhaul, the auditors say.

In Greece, a state body re-ceived subsidies for a retraining scheme for the unemployed. The money was spent on training civil servants who could not legally be dismissed.

Regional funding also fell victim to a number of scams: a rural tourism scheme in Spain involved the spending of £200,000 on the renovation of a building. The auditors discovered that the building was in fact a weekend retreat for someone who was not even a local resident.

Another scheme in Spain involved the fitting out of a building for the breeding of par-tridges and rabbits to develop hunting in the area. The investigators found that £30,000 had been spent on refurbishing apartments for people running the project.

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## Muslims' return to their village triggers gunfight



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# George's easy credit drives French government crazy

France's first branch of Crazy George's, the British-owned furniture and domestic appliance chain, has had to close after only two days of trading amid a storm of political criticism over its sales methods. The store, which targets customers on low incomes and offers easy but expensive credit, opened last Saturday in Bobigny, a poor sub-urb to the east of Paris. comply with all official re-quirements. The particular

After a swoop by trading standards officers last Sunday, the Economy Ministry announced that the store would close for an indefinite period. The ministry made it clear that the store had not been barred from trading, merely "advised" to improve the labelling of its prices. A spokesman for the store

said it would alter the labels to

quirements. The particular complaint was that the small weekly repayment sum appeared on the label in hig figures, with the retail price in smaller figures and the total credit cost, which could be twice or three times the retail

price, even smaller underneath. Crazy George's specialises in giving credit on household goods to people who might

otherwise be unable to afford them, including those on low pay or benefit. It offers a form of hire purchase, under which the customer makes small weekly or monthly repayments over a protracted period. The purchase remains the property of the company for the duration of the loan and may be returned

Fr3,170 (£377), credit price Fr7,176 (£854). (by the customer), or taken hack (by the store) for default. The difficulty, serzed on by

this passed almost unremarked. litical spectrum, is that the re- In France, however, where medipayment schedule may make the goods two or even three. at Crazy George's were decried bought outright. Examples inchided a washing machine for Fr46 a week (£5.50), retail price

In Britain, where there are already more than 50 such stores.

um-term credit is less common and less respectable, the terms

as socially unjust and immoral. Just how much of an issue the store had become can be gauged from the standing of its critics. The leader of the Socialist Party, Lionel Jospin, spoke of the "scandal of shops for the poor

what the rich pay". The right-of-centre Economy Minister, Jean bounds of decency. A Gaullist minister, Eric Raoult, said it would marginalise the poor into

particular shops and make their poverty permanent. Trading standards officials have stressed that hire purchase as practised by Crazy.

George's is not illegal in France.

be able to reopen when its it bels are considered satisfactory But a clearer statement of the discrepancy between the price of a fridge bought over three years and one bought outright is unlikely to deter those white need a fridge now and for whom this is the credit available. The management described customers' response in the first two days as "very favourable".

# German austerity threatens fighter jet

Bonn

German penury is endangering Europe's largest joint arms pro-ject – the construction of a new generation of multi-purpose combat aircraft in Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain.

It was revealed yesterday that the Bonn Defence Ministry, which has just lost DM200m (£80.6m) from its budget, has no funds sei aside for placing a firm order for the aircraft next year, when preparations for production are to begin. Britain and Spain are already committed to Eurofighter, but Germany has yet to confirm that it wants to buy 180 of the single-seat twinngined jets.

Finances are tight, a Defence Ministry spokesman said yesterday. "We have no room for manoeuvre." Asked about the medium-term outlook, he stated: "We must wait and see".

Alarmed by the prospect of a German about-turn, Britain's Prime Minister, John Major, last week wrote to Chancellor Helmut Kohl pleading for his support. But as Bonn slashes back its expenditure in an effort to qualify for monetary union, the other great European project is sliding down the list of priorities. An assurance by the Finance Minister, Theo Waigel, that Eu-rofighter would be funded was dismissed by the budgetary expert of one of the governing par-

lies as an "April fool's joke". the 40-year-old Phantom jets which saw Germany through the Cold War. With no obvious enemy in sight, however, even some members of the government are wavering in their fondness for what the opposi'expensive luxury".

Germany has invested DM6.5hn in research, and invested 40,000 jobs are estimated to depend on the project, mainly at Dasa, the aeronautics division of Daimler-Benz. According to the financial daily Handelsblatt. Dasa dropped its price last week from DM26bn to 23.3hn, hut still came away empty handed.

The company also wanted the government to guarantee DM6.9bn leading up to the start of production in 2001, but again to no avail. Dasa, with a 30 per cent stake in the project, is the second largest construc-tor, after British Aerospace which holds 37.5 per cent. Altogether, 620 jets are to be built for the four nations. At a time when even unem-

ployment benefits are being cut, it is hard for the government to justify huying the air-craft. The Defence Ministry, the department hardest hit by this year's austerity budget, has more immediate problems. no money for repairs, and the pfennigs are being scraped together for the Bundeswehr's Germany is to decide later

this month whether it can bankroll the project. Britain and the other partners are bracing themselves for the worst.

"I am sure Eurofighter is not heading for the rocks," Britain's Secretary of State for Defence, terday, while conceding that delay was possible. "We would greatly regret a delay to Eurofighter, which would be damaging but not fatal," he said. Which is what the Germans have been saying all along.

## Swans enjoy a short winter cruise



Olaf Niess, the Swan Father of Hamburg, with swans on Alster lake in the city. He and his helpers round them up each year to take them to winter quarters, and they are brought back in spring

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### Russians say **US** breached spy etiquette

Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service said the US broke "unwritten rules" by giving an ex-spy a visa and arresting him when he arrived in America. It also offered to bail Vladimir Galkin, accused by the FBI of spying on the Star Wars defence system when he was a KGB agent. The Russians say Mr Galkin, arrested in New York last month, was entrapped, since the US knew of his espionage background when he was given a visa. AP - Moscow

### Jews converge on Hebron

Jews protesting at a planned troop redeployment flocked to Hebron after a phone call by Benjamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, to Yasser Arafat failed to break the deadlock in talks on its future. Ultra-Orthodox Jews marched to the Tomb of the Patriarches, sacred to Muslims and Jews. A eminarian said: "The people feel that this may be the last

### Lithuania old regime ousted

Lithuania's Conservatives, led by Vytantas Landsbergis, hero of 1991's independence struggle, routed the groverning ex-Communists a run-off poll. The Conservatives won 70 of the 137 seats; the ex-Communists

### Pope ready to receive Castro

President Castro if he asks to Japanese Supreme Court meet during his visit to Rome this week for a UN food summit, the Vatican said. It would be their first meeting and could lead to a papal trip to Cuba. AP - Bome

### Malaysia expels more E Timor protesters

Malaysia deported the 10 remaining foreigners who came for a short-livedconference on East Timor at the weekend and freed from jail nine other human-rights activists and two journalists. The conference, held before today's anniversary of the 1991 killing by Indonesian troops of 50 demonstrators in East Timor's capital, Dili, was broken up by prolesters from a youth group allied to the Malaysian government. Thirty-six foreign activists were expelled on Sunday. Reuter — Kuala Lumpur

### **Neolithic** treasure bust

Two Greeks were arrested after being fou id with a 5,000-year-old collection of 31 unique Neolithic clay statuettes in their car. Police said they detained the two men during a highway patrol check along the country's :-: main north-south highway. Archaeologists said 20 of the clay female figurines were intact and all are believed to have been stolen from digs in the Achaia region of the Peloponnese, AP - Athens

### Chatterley to bare all in Japan

pornography is freely available, gets a chance later this month to read an uncensored version of Lady Chanerley's Lover for the first time in 46 years. The Shinchosha publishing house said that a full Japanese translation of Lawrence's classic, including passages still officially banned, would be available on bookshelves found a complete Japanese translation of the author's book obscene and ordered about 80 pages of love scenes to be deleted.

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Hell's Angels on murder charge by police carrying sub-machine guns the courthouse will be forbidden be-and wearing bullet-proof jackets. No cause of fear of car bombs.

Jan Olsen Associated Press

Four Hell's Angels members and two supporters listened motionless as charges were read yesterday in their trial for one of the most stunning murders in the Nordic biker war.

The six men are charged with mur-der in the shooting in March of Uffe Larsen, a member of the rival Bandidos motorcycle gang, at the international airport in Copenhagen. Three other Bandidos were wounded in the shooting and another in an attack the

same day at Oslo airport in Norway. Until the airport shootings, most of the attacks in the gang feud had tak-

clubbouses. But in the past eight months, attacks have increasingly burst out in heavily populated areas, raising fears that bystanders would be caught in the violence. Those attacks have included a shoot-

ing outside the main post office in. downtown Oslo and the anti-tank grenade attack last month on the Hell's Angels Copenhagen headquar-ters, in which two people were killed and 17 injured. At least nine people have died and 46 have been wounded in the three-year feud.

The murder trial is being held amid intense security. The six defendants were led into the Eastern High Court

one with a criminal record was allowed into the courtroom and spectators, journalists and other observers were

body-searched before entry.

The defendants, who cannot be named under a court order, had not seen each other since their arrests. They gave each other the characteristic bikers' hug as they met up in the courtroom. "You look great," one hiker told another.

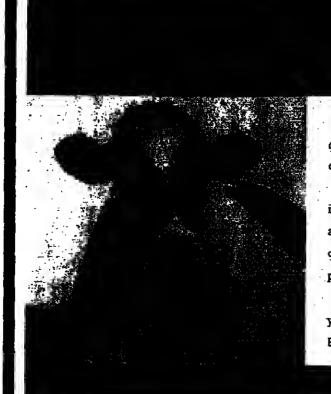
Heavily armed police officers surrounded the down-town court building while marksmen were spotted on nearby roofs. One street alongside the court was closed and parking around

Bitte Dyrberg, for the prosecution, said the six men "plotted and conspired homicide". The killer of Mr Larsen has not been identified yet and the pros-ecution will try to convince the 12-man jury that the bikers should be sentenced as a group, not as individuals. If found guilty, the six face up to life in prison.

Sixty-nine people are scheduled to take the stand, including a non-biker considered the key witness. The witness tried to avoid making a court appearance because he was scared by threats from the Hell's Angels, but the Supreme Court ruled in September An anned policemen outside the h that he must testify.



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# Can't we leave schools to the local councils?

he Funding Agency for Schools is ready to launch a takeover bid - not for the world, but for the nation's schools, which is a good start. Gone would be any discretion for the much-maligned local education authorities. Forget local politicians interfering in school financial affairs. Head teachers would instead receive their money from on high. Local authorities would have little left to do. And if the Agency had its way, the cash would be allocated by a neat national funding formula with no account taken of local preferences. Citing the mess local man-agement has made of some schools, and the variation in education funding across the country, supporters of a nationalised funding system can claim to be proposing a fairer and more rational approach all round.

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But what would happen to local oversight of an inherently local service? Again, supporters of the funding agency approach would argue that roughly 90 per cent of the funding of schools is not at the local council's discretion anyway - it is entirely at the dis-posal of the governing body, and the head as the governors' chief executive. Parents, it is argued, can express their views direct to governors, many of whom also have children at the school. Local councils, by contrast, are not always responsive to angry parents, even when they threaten to vote them

But the fact is that local councillors, however unresponsive, are nearer to home than a national funding agency. If the local authority screws up or gets its priorities wrong, local voters know who to hlame and who to complain to. And politicians, anxious about their vote at the next council election, have at least an incentive to listen. Anonymous national bureancrats, tucked away in an office in London, have no reason to listen to parents at all - if parents can even work out who and where they are.

Gone, too, would be the scope for local prioritising. People who want to invest heavily in nursery education at the expense (for example) of local leisure facilities, will be denied that choice. At the moment some £700m is allocated by local education authorities to schools, over and above the minimum prescribed by government, because people in certain areas decide that that is how they want their money

It is not only democracy that is at stake here. There is no necessary tradeoff between local democracy and efficiency. Quite the reverse. A single funding formula for schools, which takes no account of local variations and peculiarities, will not work. In some regions, for example, the schools on the top of the hills may need more cash than those at the bottom - for heating and transport. How would national for-



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mulae account for that? A fair and efficient allocation of cash

between schools will require an awful lot of local knowledge, not a simple national formula. To do it properly the national agency would have to leave its London sanctuary and move out into the communities that its decisions affect. In other words, it would have to replicate the functions that local councils perform, only in a much less accountable way.

Nor can decisions about funding be

separated from thorny questions about welfare. Placing a difficult child who has been excluded from several schools

already will have implications for resources. So, too, will rescuing a failing school. These functions would require pooled local resources, under the auspices of one or another agency - when we already have local councils to carry out these roles.

Worst of all, depriving local author-ities of the freedom to fund denies them the option of developing new initiatives. If we are to accelerate educational achievement, we need to inspire the whole community to take part.

Of course, we should not kid ourselves that local education authorities are the fount of goodness and excel-

lence. Far from it. Educational havoc the area. National government should was inflicted on Britain's schools in large measure by enthusiastic local education authority advisers: abolition of streaming, the destruction of com-petitive sport, the dominance of progressive teaching methods. These attitudes are changing, but they are changing slowly, and the best bulwark against hacksliding is continuing pressure from parents on standards.

Consider, too, the mess that certain local authorities have made of the schools in their area. Calderdale local education authority failed to stop the complete collapse of discipline and morale in the Ridings school in Halifax. Meanwhile petty personality politics on Hackney Council left the children at Hackney Downs school in limbo while different factions hickered about whether to close it or not.

Nevertheless, bad management and bad decisions are not the prerogative of local institutions. National government is equally capable of making horrendous mistakes. At least if power is devolved to a local, democratic level. it is more accountable, and can tap into local experience too.

All this means that the true devolution of power is to schools and parents. But some matters - some aspects of the distribution of the cash, but also occasional emergency intervention are best provided by a local authority whose staff understand the people and

set standards targets through tests. It should prescribe a core curriculum. It should ensure that the quality of trained teachers is satisfactory. And then it should leave local people to deliver in the way they see fit, inter-vening only if things go seriously wrong. Local democracy and local administration need reform and revival: if they are trampled into the dirt, we will all regret the loss.

### A lesson for the golden boy

Nolden-haired golden boy David Willetts got his wrist smacked vesterday for a memo proposing that the cash-for-questions inquiry be delayed by the Tory MPs on the members' interests committee. Tut, tut, Mr Willetts; manipulating parliamentary standards for party political gain iso't teally on.

His excuse? According to Tory MPs. the man is a little hear of exceeding large hrain, who has little experience of such earthly matters, so we should forgive him his transgression. Hardly, Mr Willetts has learnt the hard way that, in politics at least, you are not supposed to commit all your splendid thoughts to paper. Otherwise your egg-head ends up with egg on its face.

### • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

### Blame UN for **Dutch fiasco** in Bosnia

Sir: I must take issue with Robert Fisk ("Dutch courage is a disgrace to the United Nations", 7 November) for criticism of Dutch UN peacekeepers in their failure to

created, five member states in the Security Council (Pakistan, Djibonti, Morocco, Venezuela and Cap Verde) wanted Muslim enclaves to be liberated by force. The five veto powers were against such an idea. It was May 1993, in the first months of the Clinton presidency, and although specialists desperately urged him to act, the President would not get involved. But at the time, CNN television was focused on Bosnia, and eventually the decision to create safe areas was. made by a council desperate for something to be done.

The procedure for the creation of safe areas is outlined in detail in the Geneva Conventions of 1949. The safety of such areas is dependent on demilitarisation, without which they are not safe. The conventions stipulate agreement from both sides, a timetable and inspection mechanisms and a full range of military resources. In Bosnia, the council ignored this.

When researching a book l interviewed Lt-Gen Lars-Eric Wahlgren of Sweden, who told me of a cable he sent to the Council before the safe areas resolution was passed, in which he pleaded that the policy be reconsidered. The areas, without being demilitarised or defended, would surely fall. Even with the necessary agreements on the ground, the safe areas would

The Wahlgren cable was ignored and the Security Council approved the resolution. Other commanders thought the idea was folly -the safe areas would never be viable. They were right. The blue helmets found it hard to keep their own lifelines. open, let alone protect people

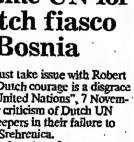
approved before their perimeters. troop numbers, rules of engagement, the precise role of Nato and close air support were agreed. In the hours leading up to the fall of Srebrenica, there were 1,500 Serbs approaching with rocket launchers and tanks. There were 400 Dutch peacekeepers, who were running out of ammunition and marooned between the two sides. They had no artillery and little fuel for their armoured

The stories of the three great tragedies of Somalia, Bosnia and Rwanda have somehow become divorced from the decisions taken in the Security Council - decisions which have made a decisive difference for millions of people. The mistakes made in the council

To hlame peacekeepers for civilian casualties shows a disregard for the integrity of the historical record. The focus should be on the Council and an increased scrutiny of Britain's role within it.

asks: "Aren't soldiers occasionally expected to fight, even to die?" The answer apparently is no, not for UN peacekeeping. We are told that one of the lessons of Somalia is that public opinion will not allow it. Peace is not worth the lives of LINDA MELVERN London N16

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Just before the safe areas were

need an extra 34,000 troops.

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have been too quickly disregarded.

At the end of the article, Fisk

\*Labour's proposals for a décentralised regional policy will at





### **UK** is sweatshop of Europe

Sir: The European Commission's Cohesion Report painted a devastating picture of the UK's economy ("EU says Britons fall into poverty faster", 7 November). The report's poverty figures are already out of date.

More recent figures, newly available to the Commission, indicate that as many as 25 per cent of British households live under the poverty line, lifting the UK to equal first in the EU poverty league alongside Portugal.

However, your report failed to highlight the fact that while UK growth has been employment-intensive, other countries have had a faster growth rate. In the UK today workers work longer hours for lower pay and they do so less productively than their European counterparts - a further indication that the UK is the sweatshop of

The Conservative government's privatisation programme and its insistence on pushing forward its deregulation agenda at every turn has increased the disparities between both regions and social

The report confirms what many of us have known for some time that social cohesion is breaking down in the UK - and cites the UK as an example of a dual economy. It singles out several of the UK's old industrial regions as examples of zero or negative employment growth - namely the West Midlands, Merseyside and South

last start to close the gaps and use EU funding more effectively to build economic and social cohesion both within and between regions of the UK.
ARLENE McCARTHY MEP

(Peak District, Lab) Glossop, Derbyshire

### Yard denies issue of Stagg photo Sir: Your article "Deeply suspect"

(November 5), is misleading.
At no stage did Scotland Yard issue a photograph of Colin Stagg.
It is not the police who determine "cause of death". It is the pathologist acting for the coroner following a post-mortem examination. In the case of Wayne Douglas, the findings were that he

died of a heart condition.
At no time following the shooting of IRA terrorist Diarmuid O'Neill did we imply that there had been a "shoot-out". In fact, we cautioned the media against using such terms and our own early statement said "shots fired during the morning's operation were fired by police". Your own journalists make full

use of our expensive, overstretched 24-hour press bureau service, and I find it extraordinary that you are so critical of it. My press officers would certainly welcome fewer calls. SARAH CULLUM Director of Public Affairs Metropolitan Police London SWI

Sir: It is unacceptable for Paul Donovan ("Deeply Suspect", 5 November) to claim that BBC 1's Crimewatch UK can "perpetrate injustice" on the strength of the subjective opinion of a fellow

journalist. Crimewatch UK goes to great lengths to ensure accuracy when reproducing known events for its reconstructions. All information phoned in to the programme, of whatever status, is passed on to the relevant police investigation team, and is then carefully sifted before any action is taken. SEETHA KUMAR

Series producer, "Crimewatch UK" London W12

### Offshore future for wind turbines

Sir: The debate about wind power is never a dull one. John Etherington (letter, 6 November) is concerned about British uplands being covered in wind turbines. The technology for wind power is moving very quickly at present and more powerful turbines are coming on to the market with no increase in height. From the early years of the next century it is predicted that an increasing proportion of developments would be offshore.

In independent surveys over the past five years, the public consistently comes out in favour of wind power, with an average support rate of 70-85 per cent. Where surveys have been carried

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out before and after a wind farm has been huilt, local community support for the scheme often

Mr Etherington and myself agree on one thing - that a thorough energy efficiency programme could dramatically cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. But energy efficiency is only one side of the equation. We still need to find nonpolluting ways to generate electricity in the first place. TRICIA ALLEN Friends of the Earth London NI

### Fisher's plan to breach the Baltic

Sir: Your article of 6 November relates how Churchill planned to was recycling the "Baltic Project" inherited from the previous war. Admiral Fisher, first Sea Lord up to 1915, when Churchill was First Lord of the Admiralty.

dreamed up special heavy ships with shallow draught to get into the Baltic to intercept shipping, seize islands and attack Germany's northern coast. His ideas, unlike Churchill's, actually became hardware, though it was not used for its original purpose.

extraordinary ships were laid down: Glorious, Furious and Courageous. inevitably nicknamed Curious, Spurious and Outrageous. Each had half a battleship's armament,

1918, survived to attack the Tirpitz m 1944. An all-wise government has finally solved this problem by reducing the Navy 10 such a limited collection of relatively

buoy up hattleships with air bags to get them into the Baltic. Churchill

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Sir: Commenting on the Roux affair (7 Novembet), you write that during the Second World War II

Vichy in Quebec

unprecedented speed (33 knots), armour unworthy of a light cruiser

and draught shallow enough (25 feet) to penetrate the Bairic safely

without the benefit of balloons.

The abandonment of the Baltic

Project left them with attitude but

no role. After odd experiments

carriers, in which capacity they

were able to carry more aircraft (52) than any RN carrier until the

Ark Royal of 1938. Two were lost

strike against Zeppelin sheds in

small ships that today none would

find any difficulty in getting into

the Baltic.

DAVID COLEMAN

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some members of Quebec's francophone majority initially (my italies) were more sympathetic to the collaborationist Vichy regime in France than to the Allies". I worked for a month in Montreal in September 1951. One of the hest-sellers that autumn,

prominently displayed in every francophone bookshop, was entitled *Petain avait raison* - and it had nothing to do with his achievements in World War I Lord MONSON House of Lords London SW7

### Tag of honour for tearaways

Sir: Your report on the Government's plans to extend electronic monitoring to juvenile offenders ("Electronic tags for children", 9 November) looks like another penal policy fiasco in the

making.
Following the failure of experiments in their use with adult offeoders, what possible grounds are there for applying these gizmos to those you term "teenage tearaways who vandalise and terrorise communities"? If anything, the tag will become a badge of honour.

It is true that in Sweden - the only other European country to have imported the technology from nerica – tagging has encountered far fewer problems than has been the case in Britain. This is principally because the Swedes tegard the tag as a back-up to social work intervention, not as the be-all and end-all. STEPHEN SHAW Director Prison Reform Trust

Sir: The Government's plan to place young offenders under electronic monitoring is one of the worst ideas yet to tackle youth crime. Tagging is a negative and stigmatising measure which is particularly unsuitable for uveniles.

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These young people will have to attend school with a tag attached to their wrist or ankle branding them an offender. Some children will undoubtedly boast about their tag and adopt a "hard" image to live up to it. This is exactly the opposite of the attinudes towards which we are trying to steer juvenile offenders.

The resources should be devoted to strengthening constructive options such as bail support programmes and intensive supervision schemes. PAUL CAVADINO Chair, Penal Affairs Consortium London SH9

### Life, the Universe and clever newts

Sir: I am not surprised to see your news that the number 42 is a key to understanding the universe (S November). That finally explains why the world is at sixes and sevens and every problem is multiplying. TOM TICKELL London, NJ9

Sir: As for any other physical constant, the value of the Hubble constant depends on the units in which it is measured and astronomers, for convenience, use kilometres per second per megaparsec. That is not a standard unit and it even contains an anthropomorphic element in that a parsec refers to the size of the earth's orbit around the sun. Therefore, to marvel at the significance of the number 42 for the value of the Hubble constant is nothing but numerology.
Dr WERNER WEIGLHÖFER Department of Mathematics University of Glasgon

Sir: The answer to "Why is the answer to Life, the Universe, and Everything the number 42?" is to be found in the old classic War with the Newts, by the Czech writer Karl Capek. The first calculation carried out by an intelligent newt is surprise, surprise  $-6 \times 7 = 42$ , BRUCE JACKSON Presion. Lancashire

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# Britain is feeling good again...

Champagne sales are bubbling, house prices are rising, all's right with the Chancellor's world. But will he reap the rewards, asks Diane Coyle

describe what is boom. As we know too well, boom leads to bust, and neither the Government nor businesses want the next recession to cast its shadow before the last one has faded from memory. They would argue that Britain has gone beyond the ups and downs of the economic cycle to the promised land of steady, sustainable growth.

So champagne sales are well up. House price increases in some parts of the country have reached double digits. Multimedia computers, the late Nineties equivalent of the mobile phone, are walking off the shelves. Sales of women's designer clothes are surging even in Leeds, thanks to Harvey Nichols. But so far, this is just an

encouraging recovery.

The economic news could scarcely he better for the Conservatives. Consumer confidence, the all-important indicator of how voters are feeling about the Government's handling of the economy, is at its highest level since 1988. Just as important, the housing market has recovered and is releasing hundreds of thousands of homeowners from negative equity.

Only six months ago Kenneth's Clarke's predictions of a recovery in the second half of the year looked like a figment of his cheery imagination. Then tax cuts coming into effect in April delivered the higgest oneoff boost to spending power since Nigel Lawson's Budget in the pre-election year of 1986. Although the pundits described it at the time as a modest giveaway, the Clarke tax cuts of £3hn were higger, adjusted for

inflation, than the Lawson ones. starting last December that have taken the cost of a mortgage to the lowest level for nearly 30 years, the Chancellor successfully kick-started the taken earnings growth up from handout is put at £20hn. Even if manage the boom."

obody wants to 3 per cent a year ago to 4 per the recipients spend only a fifth describe what is cent now. Thanks to lower of their windfall, it will increase taxes, lower morigage payments and increased earnings during the past 12 months, a dual-income couple on average earnings with a typical mortgage now has about £200 a

month in extra spending power. The housing market is where the offects have been most dramatic. House prices were flat until the spring but in the space of six months house price inflation has climbed above 7 per cent. Sales of goods related to housing - furniture, carpets, DIY materials, consumer clectronics - have risen substantially.

Higher spending power is spreading beyond these homely goods, however. Some of the classic signs of late-1980s froth have returned to the economy. For example, monthly shipments of champagne have climbed above 10 million bottles, a 22 per cent increase on a year earlier. Sales of antiques at the Peter Jones store in Sloane Square have been "very substantial". Spending on eating out is growing at a rate of 30 per cent a year.

general evidence of stronger sales of luxury goods. "The 'sod-it' factor is creeping in. People are a bit more flush with cash and can't keep up the austerity any longer, argues. Barry Turnbull, city centre manager for Newcastle agrees. "There are no had weeks at the moment. People are spending freely," he says. It is hard to see any reason

why this momentum should evaporate, despite the straw in the wind of a quarter point rise in base rates a formight ago. Pay rises are accelerating as the number of jobless continues to Combined with a series of fall - the official total is likely reductions in interest rates 10 get below 2 million by the end of the year. Competition between lenders will keep mortgage costs low for some time.

free shares given away by build-

consumer spending by I per cent, enough to take the economy beyond sustainable growth.

Yet many retailers are keen to stress that we are not revisiting the errors of the 1980s. According to Andrew Higginson, chairman of the British Retail Consortium's economic affairs committee and finance director of the Burton Group, reports of a boom are irresponsible. "Obviously, you cannot say it will never creep back, but the Chancellor has already raised interest rates to counter a mythical danger," he says.

The same fear, of another increase in borrowing costs that would force them to raise mortgage rates, is making the building societies talk down the danger of an unsustainable housing boom, even though some economists predict house price inflation above 10 per cent next year.

This is a wonderful dilcmma for Mr Clarke, Either there is a steady recovery which requires him to do precisely nothing to deliver strong growth in con-sumer spending between now Retail specialist Meg Abdy at the Henley Centre says there is and May. Or there is a boom, and he can nudge up interest rates to look cautious while reaping any electoral benefits of the feel-good factor. Many experts do not think we will see a re-run of the late 1980s, David Miles, professor of economics at Imperial College, London, says one reason is that further tax cuts are off the agenda, both before and after the election. We are looking at much more deep-seated fiscal problems than anyone perceived a decade ago," he says.

Others remain sceptical about both the Government's management of the economy and the credit they will get for it. According to Professor Charles Bean of the London School of Economics: "It is difficult to mismanage an upturn from a deep recession, and my the economy has turned out well recovery. At the same time, ing societies joining the stock-despite the Government. The falling unemployment has market in 1997. The value of the real proof will be how well they



Consumer confidence: shoppers in Gateshead yesterday

# ..but what about the politicians?

Labour is in a dilemma: how do they accept the boom without praising the Tories? Donald Macintyre has some advice

last night: 1997 would see the "most secure economic base for generations ..." Britain was "back in the first rank". There was a clear sub-text here; the feel-good factor is back, and with it the prospects of a Tory victory next year. What's more, a lot of the hard figures back up his optimism. So how worried should Labour be that its commanding lead is

about to slip away?

On one analysis, not much. The polls show an unprecedented disjunction between economic optimism among the electorate and its willingness to vote Tory, In the past, as economic prospects

improved, people became more supportive of the government. That relationship has broken down. Last month's MORI poll for The Times showed that the so-called economic optimism index had fallen from 10 per cent to only -1 per cent since the first half of the year. Yet the same poll still gave Labour an awe-inspiring 28-point lead. This has been worrying the Tories for months, and is usually attributed to the last-

ing blow to Tory credibility suffered when Major was ignominiously forced out of ERM in 1992. But it may also simply be that, having repeatedly told the voters that the recession was caused by international factors entirely beyond their control, ministers are now having a hard time per-suading the same public that the recovery, by contrast, is all because of the brilliance of the Government.

Second, Labour is much less vulnerable to the charge that it would ruin an economic recovery through high taxes than it was before the 1992 election. Tony Blair and Gordon Brown have been zealous in shedding Labour's tax-and-spend baggage. And as part of its softening-up process for the Budget, Labour will this week start reminding the voters again how far taxes have gone up, before Clarke starts to hring

them down again. Finally, there is a heretical hut, to some, seductive argument that electors are more likely to vote Labour in an economic recovery than in a recession. In the Labour post-mortem examination after its 1992 defeat, some of the then Shadow Chancellor John Smith's aides argued that voters are more comfortable voting for redistribution when the country can afford it. This was rejected by Brown and Blair - and by John Smith, when he became Labour eader - as a distraction from what they, by contrast, saw as the central lesson of the Labour's tax and spending commitments.

1992 defeat: the part played in it by Labour need not panic over the

ohn Major could scarcely have delivered a more upbeat message to the City in his Guildhall speech either. First, it can't be quite sure that the ERM débacle is the only reason the Tories aren't reaping the benefit of economic optimism. It may be, as Michael Dicks of Leaman Brothers argued last month, as much to do with negative equity. You can't reverse the 1992 devaluation. But a housing mini-boom could unlock negative

equity, and with it some more Tory votes.

Labour also knows that the markets will allow the Tories somewhat more fiscal "irresponsibility" than they would a Labour gov-ernment. This poses a dilemma for Labour. Blair and Brown are genuinely sceptical about how real are the spending cuts Clarke will announce; they have already spent a lot of time pointing out that public borrowing has doubled since John Major came to power, they worry that privatisation receipts for example of housing association debt or MOD homes - are one-offs for which the

next government will have to pay a price.
But criticising the Government for conducting an irresponsible "scorched earth"
policy can be dangerous, and not only because it sounds Eeyore-ish, just when everyone is feeling better. For what are they supposed to say they would do instead? Produce deeper cuts in spending? Hardly an electoral rallying cry. Raise more taxes? Unthinkable for new Labour. What's more, the more they attack the Government for mismanaging the economy now, the more they may be building up trouble for themselves if they win. As Harold Wilson found in 1964, the worse you say things are before an election, the more the markets expect you take drastic and unpalatable action when you get in.

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So Labour has to play it cool. Ideally, perhaps, Labour would prefer an election now, hefore the feel-good factor has any more chance to play into the polls. But that isn't going to happen. Labour will not get drawn into playing alternative hudgets with Ken Clarke. It will continue to attack the Tories for Britain's long-term failure to invest. And it will continue to implement Tony Blair's latest exhortation to his colleagues: the "three Rs" are reminding voters of the pain they have suffered under the Tories in the past: reassuring them that Labour is not going back to its old ways (as Brown did his best to do yesterday on inflation); and rewarding them with the

promise of a better quality of life.

It may be that the link between economic optimism and Tory support has irrevocably broken down for the Government, however shrewd a hudget Ken Clarke produces. It's a worry that still haunts the Tories. But if it hasn't, there are no quick fixes; there's no turning back from prospects of a steadily improving economy the strategy already set by Brown and Blair.

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## Right answers to the wrong questions



Miles Kington

oday I have great pleasure in handing over our regular advice column to the well-known New Age philosopher, Jeremy Hurstpierpoint Jones, who knows more about the mysteries of the world than I shall ever do. All yours, Jaremy! I am intrigued by the way in which people now write to the newspapers for answers to iniestions. The great example of this is the feature in "The Guardian" colled Odds and Sods, or Notes and Queries, or something like that, where

"Win an motorways marked in blue on maps and not some other colour?" and another reader writes in with the solution or as is typically the case with "Guardian" readers. lots of people write in with lots of different solutions, none of which is the right one. Why do readers do this? What makes them think that the newspapers will know the answer, especially as

newspapers never get anything else quite right? New Age philosopher Jeremy Hurstpierpoint Jones writes: There is nothing new about this. People have always written into newspapers with queries. In the old days "The Daily Mirror" had a page run by the Old Codgers which answered extremely factual questions such as "Is it true that Vera Lynn was so precious to the war effort that she was never sent to the front but had several doubles who went abroad and sang instead of her to the troops?" It is only the nature of the questions which has changed. All nature is composed of questions and answers. which ebb and flow in a

mystical way through our consciousness. All unhappiness comes from asking the wrong questions. You see, when Hitler asked the question, "Wouldn't it be fun to invade France, so that we can all get into the Louvre without paying?", it was not a good question to

ask. However... Next question, please - Ed Why do some insects such as bees and wasps often hover so close to people when they must know they are courting danger? Do they actually feel drawn to human company? Jeremy Hurstpierpoint Jones writes: Yes. If you remember the principles of reincarnation, it stands to reason that many such

insects are in fact people reborn as wasps or gnats. and by hovering close to you are saying an atavistic "Hello there!" It may also be that they do not enjoy their new existence as wasps or bees and are hoping to be swatted dead by you, thus giving them the entree to a new existence,

Why are so many places in Britain situated on the edges of maps? Jeremy H Jones writes:

Some people do believe that there is a series of mystical lines radiating throughout the ancient British world, passing through a series of places which never appear in the

is a good example, depending on which map you use. The thing about these places is that as they are on the edge of one map. they are also on the edge of the next map. And if the place is in the corner of a map, it is also on the corner of three other maps. And this raises the question, if a place is on the edge of three other maps, might it not be also on the edge of ANOTHER map that we don't know about? In

middle of any map, only on the edge. Bradford-on-Avon

another geographical world? What does that mean? J H Jones writes: How do you mean, "mean"? What ore your feelings about wind farms?

J Jones writes: I think they are a capitalist plot to steal the soul from our winds. To help combat this, 1 am currently building a wind chime farm on my fields which will do nothing but

tinkle unprofitably and thus restore the missing energy to

the air. Well, why ARE motorways marked in blue on maps and not some other colour? Jones writes: You are, like Hitler, asking the wrong questions. If you open your eyes and look at road maps from mainland Europe, you will see that motorways are generally marked with a double red and yellow line. It is only in Britain we colour motorways blue. And that is because we do not have any big rivers. Pardon?

J writes: If motorways were coloured blue on continental maps, they would be hard to distinguish from such hig rivers as the Seine, Rhône and Rhine. We have much smaller - and more wriggly - rivers, hard to confuse on a map with a motorway, which is why nobody ever tries to drive down the Severn.

Would YOU like some alternative answers to your straight questions? Drop a line to Jeremy Hustpierpoint Jones, or just beam it along by

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## How I would free drivers from gridlock

e have gridlock. The rush hour begins just after 6am and is still in full flow three hours later. In many parts of the south east the traffic queue fur ooe junction ruos ioto the queue for the next and for the one beyond that. The station car park is full. The queue for Heathrow is long. The M25 regularly seizes up. Everyone tells me something should be done about it. The authorities are far from

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idle. The more traffic that herds on to the road, the more barriers to its move-ment they impose. The slower the traffic flows, the tighter the speed controls are. Many a Lib-Lah county or borough has gooe mad, speoding a fortuoe on bollards, chicanes, red road surfaces, traffic lights and speed cameras. We now regularly enjoy radar traps to supplement the speed cam-eras, and police cars to super-

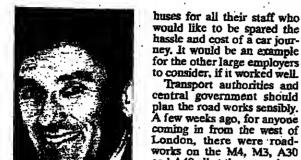
vise the jams.

The latest theory is that we will overcome the crisis by shifting people from car to bus and traio. Berkshire Couoty has solved the problem by writing a coosultation document telling us all to get out of our cars and on to the hus. All of this has been thought up by a county that offers free parking places to its employees, 91 per ceot of whom drive to work. When 1 asked them to explain why they do not practise what they

Britain do to make the situation better? They are not powerless. First they should stop cluttering up the main routes with unnecessary ironmongery and technology. Taking what little road space we do have out of circulation or deliberately slowing traffic too much makes the problem worse. It even increases the emissions to the atmosphere, as lorries and cars sit with engines running, waiting for the obstruction to clear. One man's traffic calming is another man's road rage.

underlying transport problem. The traffic chaos is worst in term-time, when parents are delivering children to schools. Secondary school pupils should usually be expected to go to school themselves. They should be encouraged to cycle, walk or go by bus. Counties should ensure that, if there are not proper general service buses, there are school huses to do the joh.

For primaries, counties should look at organising minibuses to pick up from main housing areas. More parents would pay for this service if the driver was responsible for seeing the child safely into school. As one of the largest employers in each area, the The writer is MP for Wokingham and was



John Redwood

Councils have gone mad: spending on bollards, chicanes. speed cameras the more they do, the slower

the traffic

cially the main routes into Loodon, should be freed of any traffic management impedimeots. There should be a uniform sensible speed limit 60mph for dual carriageways
and 40mph for single carriageways. At the moment the driver has to be constantly decelerating and accelerating

the A40 or A30.

huses for all their staff who

would like to be spared the hassle and cost of a car jour-ney. It would be an example

Transport authorities and

aod A40 all at the same time.

Blocking one lane on any of

these roads is restriction

enough. To impede four inbound lanes from the west causes seizure. More money should be speot to mend the

M3, before spending money on the M4, and after that on

The main A roads, espe-

- if the road is clear - from 70mph to 60 to 40 to 30 to 40 to 30. With cameras these speed restrictions are becoming dangerous in themselves, causing sudden breaking and bunching. Parking restrictions on radials into Londoo should be firmly enforced by towing offenders away promptly and fining them heavily. Red

preach, I was told that the probability of the motor car. Precisely! And so do many traffic flowing.

People would use trains more if services probable, and if car parks are easy to use and safe. All too often people using the car park for day train trips find the car smashed up on return because no security system is in place. There need to he cameras or a guard for the car park. The new train companies seem keener on pro-moting train travel than BR used to be, If they can run frequent and reliable services more of us will use them more of the time. Oxford has shown how popular park and ride bus services can be - to the point where they They could start to solve some of the now have a pollution problem from the diesel huses.

a solution. Throwing more cameras, chicanes. humps and bus lanes into the battle will make things worse. They should spend less money and spend it better. Mend one road at a time. Create park-and-ride car parks for huses and trains. Clear through routes of clutter. Allow more houses and shops in or ocar town centres. Put more information about jams and freer routes on the gantries above the motorways. These are the practical measures which could stop the gridlock spreading.

county or borough should organise employee' Secretary of State for Wales from 1993 to 1995.

# Problems with the touchy-feely stuff

he death of Marjurie Proops has provoked a fury of speculation: who will succeed her as the most cele-brated and prolific agony aunt? Will the warm and cuddly Claire Rayner be lured to the throne in Canary Wharf? Could the terse, provocative Anna Rae-burn be tempted away from Mohammed Al Fayed's new Liberty radio station. Or will a new pretender take the crown

that Marje defended so fiercely?
The role of agony aunt is up for examination. What makes a good one? There is a joke good one? There is a joke among the top practitioners that the key qualification is to be a Jewish mama. "Maybe Jews have been so good at it, because we have such an intense intellectual curiosity," says Claire Rayner. "Our history of persecution means we know that all we have is each other and we also have the carpacity to find also have the capacity to find humour in the most appalling circumstances." For Irma Kurtz of Casmopolium, Jewishness has encouraged portable skills, most importantly "common sense", which an agony aunt needs in huge quantities.

The demands of the joh, she says, remain constant: "The basis of all the agony I get is a low self-esteem, a failure to feel one's own beauty and power. That is the core of it - not being sure of one's self."

There is a new group whose self-esteem is sinking fast: Men. Are today's agony aunts up to the joh of helping men, who as a result of rapid social change have more and more problems?

This is particularly important when replacing Marje. Because you can be quite sure there is one question no one is asking: what about hiring a bloke? The reason? Newspaper editors are solid, almost to a man, in secing the touchy-feely stuff of agony columns as being the

exclusive preserve of women. Phillip Hodson, a highly-regarded member of Britain's small circle of "agony uncles", has personal experience of this prejudice. His first foray as a columnist was on the Daily Star. The arrival of a new editor, Lloyd Turner, produced a short meeting: "From tomorrow morning, your column is being written by Diana Dors." Next, he was offered the agony column on the Sunday Mirror by the Eve Pollard. "It was vetoed by Robert Maxwell, who said I didn't have a hig enough bust," says Hodson. On the third occasion, another female editor, Patsy Chapman, then editor of the News of the World, installed



Who has got what it takes to replace Marje Proops as queen of the agony aunts? One thing's for sure, her successor is unlikely to be male

him in the agony slot. Two and half years later, a male editor, Piers Morgan, replaced her, and, surprise surprise, Hodson was given the chop. Today, he writes his column for Family Circle, the women's magazine.

"As a rule," says Hodson, "my experience of most male newspaper editors is that they are very sexist. They believe that men should be out doing the war stories. They are also

homophobic. They are dis-

turbed by any feminine aspect coming out in a male columnist. which, after all, you have to bring out if you are going to deal with emotional problems.

"In the end, they will change, hecause they're not stupid. They will see there is a market for it. Looking at the future, it is clear that men will probably have more emotional problems than women in the home and in the workplace. But they will be difficult to deal with because

part of masculinity is the belief that men can cope. An outlet is needed for these problems. An agony uncle can offer a role model, a person who knows what it feels like to be a man."

The ruling clao of agony aunts is unimpressed. Irma Kurtz doesn't rate male pretenders. "You guys doo't talk to each other like womeo. Two women meet as strangers and after five minutes they're almost each other's blood donors. We

go straight to the gur, the heart ur the sex organ, depending on what the problem is."

Claire Rayner agrees, "Both men and women prefer geoer-ally to talk to a wiman. It's probably because most adults today have been raised by a woman and so they feel more comfortable telling a woman about difficult issues." Deidre Sanders, The Sun's

agony aunt, says there is no reason why agony uncles shouldn't do well. "But when newspapers have tried them, they have found a whole range of lamily problems that readers had which they didn't want to raise with a man. The postbag tended to fill up with men writing to another man about sexual problems."

But teenage magazines are already demonstrating that there is a gap in the market. Men are needed to get certain problems out into the upen and magazines have appointed agony uncles. The girls write in in find out what's going on in their boyfriends' heads.

This week in More, the advice columnist Tony offers some robust advice to Janey who is worried what her boyfriend makes of the "farring" noise, when she's on top: "It should take more than an embarrassing noise to make any lad worth his salt bolt for the door ... After all, blokes areo't exactly silent movers when it comes to expelling air, are they?" He also replies to a teenager worried that her boyfriend has never said he loves her, "It's a bloke thing," says Tony, "Try to find comfort in the fact that your boyfriend is not alone in the trouble he has getting the 'L' word from his hrain to his mouth."

Nick Fisher on Just Seventeen works aloogside a female col-league who also writes a column. This week he helps out a reader who complains that "my willy is a class joke", after he unzipped to flaunt his tackle to his friends. Of course," reassures Fisher. your mates will tell girls how teeny it is, because it makes them feel safe that you're the object of ridicule and not them."

risher says, "I here is a very good case for newspapers to have both an agony aunt and an agony uncle. I'm not knocking Marje, but if I was a tweotysomething bloke, theo I would feel that she was very far removed from my experience and I would wonder if she could

tell me anything about my life." So which newspaper is going to taking the plunge and trust a man with the touchy-feely stuff? After all, the first agoov columnist wasn't a woman. It was Danlel Defoe.

## Ken Saro-Wiwa was never a saint

Thenever anyone dares to hint that Keo Saro-Wiwa was not a saint - as Richard North did in Friday's Independent - there are outraged responses from people who have no significant knowledge of Ogoniland or Saro-Wiwa's complex personality.

I totally understand why Keo's son

Ken Wiwa - reacts emotionally to any remarks that tarnish his father's image. But everyone else should he able to stand back and calmly listen to criticisms of the man. .

t'm an Ogoni myself. My father is a husinessman and politician. He has been a minister for trade/industry. He was also a state chairman of Nigeria's lust democratic government, and a rebel Biafran ambassador in Loodon in the 1960s when Saro-Wiwa was one of the minuscule oumber of Ogonis who were firm friends of the Nigerian tederal military government.

The Nigerian military won the Biafran civil war. My father was seo-tenced to death in absentia and forced to live in exilc in Britain. Unlike 99 per cent of Ogonis, Saro-Wiwa did well out of that civil war. When everyone else was broke, he was rolling in it.
But my father's differences with

Saro-Wiwa were eventually forgiven and I grew up to the 1970s knowing and being encouraged to like Saro-Wiwa. It was easy to like him. He even bought me my first typewriter. Saro-Wiwa had never been 100 per

cent idealistic about anything. Read some of his earliest writings and you'll discover that he opposed those who supported the Biairan civil war mostly because he thought that sedition was had for one's career.

And if you could have tuned into some of his conversations with me in the late 1980s/early 1990s, you'd have discovered that he later changed his mind about sedition and decided that it was a great vehicle for ambitious African politicians.

Saro-Wiwa told me that if I totally committed myself to his campaign, I would become dazzlingly famous and rich beyond my wildest dreams. He enjoyed listing all the "silly white liberals who might bankroll the Ogoni and other observers and commenta-cause (which he had conveniently tors (including Wole Soyinka, the

ignored in the 1960s). He used to tell me, in fairly hitter tones, that whale-saving white liberals didn't care about the Third World's "real" prob-lems. "But environmental complaints will get to them," he would add.
And while politely exempting

myself from Saro-Wiwa's self-aggrandisiog plans, I half-heartedly wished him well, knowing that he wasn't totally cynical and sure that Ogonis would heoefit indirectly if he got famous and even richer.

I did not approve of the kangaroo court that sentenced Keo Saro-Wiwa; and I was horrified when he was judicially murdered by Nigeria's brutal military dictators. But whenever I'm asked to comment oo Saro-Wiwa's erudite, swashbuckling life and truly tragic death, I feel obliged to say that, despite his good qualities and the fact that his aims were partly laudable, he was an awesomely efficient publicity-manipulator who had a dark, power-hungry, rahhle-rousing side that led to the deaths of four Ogoni moderates. He was a risk-taker. And he lost the gamble.

When Saro-Wiwa started his environmeotal campaign, the Ogoni élite were divided between radicals like Saro-Wiwa who favoured the sabotaging of oil pipelines, and moderates like his brother-in-law, Chief Orage, and my father who shared his basic aims but felt that guerrilla action would encourage

the military to lash out. Saro-Wiwa took exception to those who urged caution and, according to witnesses whom I've met, ordered the hotheads who surrounded him to take harsh action against them. My father narrowly escaped death at a public rally. Saro-Wiwa's brother-in- law and three other men were not so lucky. They were butchered in broad day-

light. Local villagers say they were killed by known memhers of Saro-Wiwa's private army. One chap who openly threatened to testify against Saro-Wiwa's thugs had a nail driven ioto his skull before Saro-Wiwa's trial

Amnesty International, Greenpeace and other observers and commenta-



Donu Kogbara grew up as a family friend of the Ogoni

dissident hanged a year ago by the Nigerians. Here she sympathises with the man and his cause, but also tells of his pursuit

of power and wealth, and how his politics led to the death of his moderate allies

Nigerian Nobel Prize-winner – a privileged Yoruba tribesman who knows nothing about Ogoniland) never properly investigated the claims against Saro-Wiwa. My view is that they found it hard to believe that a pipe-smoking intellectual with a brave and benevolent image could be indirectly responsible for such savagery. Furthermore, the Nigerian regime is so dreadful that any action it takes is quite rightly regarded with suspicion. The fact remains that Saro-Wiwa was not the totally blameless gentleman he is widely believed to be.

Since I first spoke out against Saro-Wiwa in 1995, my media career has suffered. Even wheo people think that I might be telling the truth, some are afraid of heing seen to be hiring

or befriending me.

The past few months have been frightening and disillusioning for those of us who ooce fondly believed a) that free speech prevails in the United Kingdom, and b) that British journalists do not draw conclusions about important matters without first doing in-depth research. I'm amazed by the number of hacks who have made their minds up without visiting Ogoniland.

Saro-Wiwa's acolytes have heeo allowed to speak - unopposed and at great length - on a thousand plat-forms. Meanwhile, representatives of Saro-Wiwa's victims have, in effect, been gagged. Many are profoundly traumatised by the obsequious fanfare surrounding this first anniversary of his

hanging.

Meanwhile, I've been told that 1 should not show my face at writers' events, that I'll never work again for anyone half-way respectable, and that my parents and I will be killed in our beds when our "protectors" (the Nigerian government) are driveo out of office.

The head of a writers' group has refused to meet me to discuss my concerns. MPs have vilified me. I have lost friends who belong to the Anglo-African liberal literary establishment. I'd have gained much mure if I'd jumped on the pro-Saro-Wiwa bandwagoo or if I'd kept my mouth tightly

As for young Ken Wiwa's claim that I'm simply slavishly echoing my father's hatred of his father: my father did not hate Saro-Wiwa until 1993, when Saro-Wiwa publicly deposited my father's came on his "traitors" hit-list.

I frequently disagree with my father. I did not vote for my father's political party in the 1983 elections in Nigeria. I have written and hroadcast criticisms of some of my father's cronies. And I was actually closer, in some ways, in Saro-Wiwa than I was to my own father. Saro-Wiwa got me my first columnist joh oo a Nigerian

oewspaper.
I miss Saro-Wiwa's cleverness. charismatic wit and moments of total sweetness and warmth. I'd give anything to believe that he was not capahle of incitement tn murder. And I concede that he was capable of incitement very grudgingly indeed, I still make excuses for him.

I bahhle desperately about his brief moments of madness. I say that Saro-Wiwa was not intrinsically wicked. By insisting that he had many redeeming features, that I'm sure he didn't really want those four men dead, and that capital punishment is judicial murder under every single circumstance. I have upset a lot of peo-ple in the anti-Saro-Wiwa camp back home (including my parents). So here I am, stuck in the middle and isolated.

All I ask is that those who despise me should seriously consider my assertion that I've taken the suicidal and reluctant decision to criticise a global icon, former intimate and dearly-loved mentor only because I sincerely believe that he is an unsuitable candidate for canonisation, due to the fact that he was indirectly responsible for at least four deaths.

I sometimes think that people are not so much geouinely contemptuous of Saro-Wiva's critics as cowardly and terrified that their grandstanding on his behalf will be proved to be fraudulent or misguided. It is hard for them to admit that they have been wrong about something so serious.

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### Yesterday was a day of Remembrance.

Testerday you remembered the men, women and children who suffered and died because of the horrors of war. You remembered soldlers, sailors, airmen and civilians with equal sadness.

Now we'd like you to extend those thoughts a little further - to the people suffering today, all around the world, because of war. Right now, In Central Africa, the brutalities of

war are claiming victims in large numbers. Already one million people are fleeing the fighting. It doesn't matter whether they are Hutu, Tutsi, Zairean or Rwandan. Women and children are fleeing in terror. Starvation, thirst and disease will kill them, even if the bullets don't.

These victims have no more control over their suffering then did the families during the Blitz - or any of the other victims of mankind's inhumanity

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## Marjorie Proops

Marjorie Proops was a great deal more than an agony aunt, a hrilliant writer, a campaigning journalist, and a social commentator. She was the nation's confidante. Into her office for over 30 years the letters came, millions of them, cries for help. for encouragement, from men as well as women, in the certain knowledge that they were writing not to a stranger but a friend, to "Dear Marje" - there were envelopes addressed simply thus, which safely reached her - and that behind the witty by-line, the funny drawings. the glamorous photographs, was a woman of extraordinary perception, tolerance, and hard-headed wisdom. She was born Rebecca Mar-

jorie Israel, in Woking, the elder daughter of Alfred and Martha Israel (their surname was later changed to Rayle by her father, in resigned deference to prejudice); she spent her childhood living over her father's pubs when the family moved to London. She became a socialist at the age of five on discovering the demand for a saloon bar as opposed to a public one. At much the same age, she fell in love with her mother's newspaper, the Daily Mirror. The page she later had in the paper would have been headed differently had she not been taunted as a child with the tag "Becky the Jew girl"; "Marjorie" was safer.

She was gifted rather than clever at school, starring only at English and art and having a fine contralto voice. Advised against matriculation by ber teachers, she took a course at Hackney Technical College which taught her to draw and led her to ber first job, working in a studio near Smithfield for 15 shillings a week. Her menfor there was one Rose May. whom Marje sought to emulate in every way, from her heavy make-up and extravagant hats to her habit of heavy smoking. It took the discovery of a hlocked carotid artery almost half a century later to wean her from her cigarettes and the long holder that became closely identified with her.

Her first published work was a drawing of a haby for a knitwear catalogue. Encouraged by this and other minor successes, and in the spirit of enterprise that was to distinguish her entire life, she took on her own studio for 3s 6d a week and went freelance. Within months she was taking commissions from several women's magazines as well as the Daily Mail and the Daily Express.

Her mother, however, was more interested in Marie's marital prospects; Marje was gloomily aware that she was failing her in this respect when she set out in search of a partner at the tennis club on Christmas morning in 1934 and met Sidney Proops. He bought her a hot lemonade, revealed his admiration for Jesus of Nazareth, whom he considered the first socialist, and won her heart; three days later they were engaged on the strict (and for those days unusual) understanding that she could continue with her career. She and Proopsie - so nicknamed by her to distinguish him from the other Sidneys of ber acquaintance - were married in Shacklewell Lane Synagogue, in Dalston, in November 1935.

The marriage was not entirely happy, although proclaimed as such by Marje herself for the 53 years of its duration and resulting in the hirth of her beloved son Robert in 1941. Proopsie, whatever his shortcomings in private as a husband remained, outwardly at least, a loyal and supportive consort to his wife. Marje and Proopsie, whatever their differences, shared a strong socialist ideol-ogy: they fostered a small boy from a children's home (with fairly disastrous consequences) and then more successfully befriended, and eventually gave a home to, Made Okubadeju, now a successful pathologist, from Nigeria, who called Marje "Mum" and whom she always regarded as a second son.

Hugh Cudlipp hired Marje Proops in 1939, to draw hats and represent the Daily Mirror at Ascot under the hy-line "Sylvaine". He put her on a retainer of six guineas a week during the Second World War and took her on as columnist at the Mirror in 1954. He remained a huge force in her life; she often declared herself his creature.

She wrote her first article during the war for Good Taste magazine and first entered the field where she was to become best-known by writing a government information booklet on VD; she said she never saw sex in quite the same romantic light again.
In 1945 she went to the Dai-

by Herald as Fashion Editor, under Hugh Cudlipp's brother Percy, and became Women's Editor in 1950; she never learnt to type or do shorthand, and wrote all her copy in longhand (rather harder to read after her stroke in 1979), developing the effortless, classless style that she never changed; "as acceptable", said her friend and long-time colleague Felicity Green, "to readers of the Times or the Telegraph as the Mirror". Bob Edwards, one of her editors, asked come and see him, and went



her turn out her pieces. "She drew herself up to her considerable height and said she wrote every single word that appears under her name,"

It was during this period at the Herald that she had a glimpse of her future. The paper's advice columnist, Mary Marshall, had died. Marje Proops became worried by the letters piling up, and took it upon herself to open and answer them. What she found in those letters in terms of human misery appalled her; she contacted the psychologist Eustace Chesser, asked him if she could

ters with him. Chesser was greatly impressed by what he called her humility in seeking

Hugh Cudlipp hired her as a columnist on the Daily Mirror in 1954; he has described her since as "the first British journalist to attain the Instant Recognition status previously emoyed by film stars . It was her ability to make friends with, to get along with, the subjects of her column that made her pages so original. They all genuinely liked her: she became Dame Edith Sitwell's "little friend", Cary Grant's frequent huncheon companion, the then Duke of

Sophia Loren talked to her wistfully of her longing for children. She cuddled the Archbishop of Canterbury (thinking his beatifically outstretched arms were welcoming her, as indeed they might have been), enticed Barbara Castle on to a donkey, and listened to Mary Wilson's poetry hot from the pen. She knew all the politicians and attended political conferences of both Labour and Conservative parties. "Immediately Marje arrived," said Geoffrey Goodman, a long-time political commentator and colleague at the Mirror, "people would stop

was, Margaret Thatcher included, and rush over to talk to her. And she loved it. She was: such a true star." As Percy Cudlipp had said, she was a sexy writer. She had glamour, pizzez, pulling power. She was a huge part of a huge success, one of many starry names littering the firmament of the Daily Mirror.

One of the most important, if less starry, was that of Phillip Levy; a tall, quiet, immensely impressive man, he was the Mirror's chief legal adviser from 1955 to 1970. Proops's 20-yearlong passionate love affair with him was conducted with immease discretion, both at the

Mirror and at home; she swore that her husband never knew. about it (She first revealed it herself to her biographer Angela Patmore, in Marie: the guilt and the gingerbread, 1993.) And, much as she adored Levy, she never considered leaving Proopsie, and often said that in the end, when they had both died, it was Proopsie she missed more. Gradually the nature of her

page changed towards the end of the Sixties, she began to write about more serious subjects, reflecting the letters of her readers, about the birth-rate of illegitimate children, about the Pill, drug addiction, the abortion law, sometimes hanging a whole feature on one letter. Hugh Cudlipp, ever sensitive to the demands of a newspaper, had observed the success of her "Dear Marje" advice column, which ran from 1971 onwards in the weekly magazine Woman's Mirror, and suggested she did the same thing for the Daily Mirror. Proops was doubtful; despite her admiration for "Dear Abby" in the United States, perhaps her closest role model, she found it hard to see how she could be all things to all men; sexy writer, starry well. Cudlipp was rightly con-vinced that she could. But she took her work immensely seriously; this was not just journal-ism, it was a crusade. She drew on a team of experts, including Chesser, developed connec-tions with the golice, with doc-tors, with the Church, insisted on a team of secretarial help to ensure no letter went unanswered. Only the more light-hearted problems appeared in print; the darker, more complex ones she answered personally, even taking telephone calls from desperate cases, referring them on to whoever she felt best to help.

Proops became a campaign-ing journalist, changing people's perceptions to an extent now. hard to imagine, so thorough-ly did she break new moral ground. Never a militant fem-inist (she always said she liked men too much for that), she was nevertheless a luge champion of women's causes. She spoke out in favour of pre-marital sex, of contraception, of open, unequivocal sex education, of more tolerant attitude to

mosexuality. By the Sevennes, she had be-come an establishment figure; she served on two government committees, one on One-Parent Families, appointed by Richard Crossman, and the other the gambling commission chaired by the late Lord Rothschild. She was taken seriously by the Eslofty newspapers, granted an exclusive interview with Princess Anne, reviewed by Bernard Levin and in the New Sintesman, and involved in Leo Abse's campaign for a change in the laws on homosexuality and

children's rights.

She and Proopsie lived in a modestly grand house in St John's Wood, north London, and she drove a rather dashing MGB GT and dressed with great style; but she never aban-doned her socialist principles, was a staunch member of the NUI, and her proudest achievement was her appointment by her then editor, Mike Molloy, as Assistant Editor of the

Mirror in 1978. She was appointed OBE in 1969, named Woman of the Year in 1984, given a place in Madame Tussaud's in 1977 and in 1971 appeared on This is Your Life.

Il-health stalked her later

years: she sustained a stroke during a by-pass operation in 1979, had two hip replacements (after a long spell in a wheelchair), breast cancer in 1992 and, perhaps most seriously, a psychiatric breakdown in 1986. She conquered them all with hertriumphant courage; and her page never failed to appear.
She worked in four Murror

buildings, survived 10 editors of the Daily Mirror, and three proprietors, not least Robert Maxwell, with whom she had a flirtatiously successful relationship, while not entirely approving of what he was doing to her beloved newspaper. "Marje is made of tempered

steel," said Felicity Green. "Much more many-faceted than anyone might realise. A wonderful, warts-and-all character and the warts are what make her much more interesting." She of-ten declared her passionate desire to die at the Mirror, "then the cleaners can come and sweep me up". Her last column was published last Thesday; it could be said she very nearly achieved that ambiting.

Marje Proops failed no one, ever: not her readers, her editors, her family, or her friends. There could perhaps be no greater tribute to her than that.

Penny Vincenzi

Rebecca Marjorie Israel, journalist: born Woking. Surrey c1911; journalist, Daily Mirror 1939-45, 1954-96, Assistant Editor 1978-96; Fashion Editor, Daily Herald 1945-50, Women's Editor 1950-54; OBE 1969; journalist, Sunday Mirror 1992-96; married 1935 Sidney Proops (died\_1988; one son); died London 10 November 1996.

### **Eddie Harris**

Most jazz musicians develop an individual sound when they are it over the rest of their lives: Louis Armstrong, when he died in 1971, had a trumpet style which was irrevocably linked to his eloquent playing of the Twenties. The saxophonist Eddie Harris was almost unique in leaning to fame without ever having a consistent and recognisable sound. He made more noises then a shed full of monkeys and the trouble was that most of them were new and then instantly obsolescent.

On the other hand, he laughed all the way to the bank. His first hit, a version of the theme from the film Exodus, entereil the Top 40 and sold a million copies in 1960. Miles Davis

bebop jazz tune, in 1966 and the What?", extracted from the alburn Swiss Movement which Harris made at the 1969 Montreux Jazz Festival with its composer pianist, Les McCann, sold another million copies. Born in Chicago, Harris was based there all his life, despite

a successful period in New York and constant tours around the world. He began his career studying piano with a cousin and singing with choirs in Baptist churches. He made his professional debut as planist with the saxophonist Gene Ammons.

Harris regarded himself as an innovator, starting fashions it's good and it's what I want.

stooped down to record Harris's rather than emulating them. composition "Freedom Jazz Eclectic is a better word for his Dance", a reasonable post- hizarre contrivances. He sometimes played a tenor saxophone recording of "Compared To with a trombone mouthpiece and a similar combination called a reed trumpet, and his eccentricities made him very much a loner within the jazz community. In 1967 he was the first to unleash upon the world the Varitone attachment to his tenor saxophone. This device gave the instrument a completely new range of electronic sounds - at the expense of the individuality of the player. Saddled with one by an unfeeling record company, the trumpeter Clark Terry told me at the time,

"I've been working on my trum-

Portirievich Borodin, composer,

1833; François-Auguste Rodin, sculp-tor, 1840; Princess Grace of Mona-co (Grace Patricia Kelly), 1929.

The guy who invented this takes beliefs are you have to go back all that away and leaves me as an electronic burble."

When Harris played the tenor saxophone, his main instrument, in an orthodox way, he remained enigmatic. At that time black players were supposed to sound harsh and angular like Sonny Rollins or John Coltrane. Listeners in clubs became disorientated as Harris produced a "white" sound, smooth in the manner of Stan Getz or Al Cohn. For this reason. Harris was never trusted by the jazz aficionado. "A lot of musicians are sus-

picious of electronics," he said.
"I can understand that because you always have opposition to change. Change breeds contempt because whatever your

and examine them. "Amplification will add 10

years to your life-span because you don't have to exert yourself as much. The unit I use is a preamp unit which can emulate different woodwind sounds. At the press of a button it can sound like a bassoon or a tuha or an oboe or whatever they have concocted on the chassis system." It is an unfortunate fact that there is a tide of racial prefer-

ence which constantly ebbs and flows in jazz. During the Sixties and also today, jazz played by black musicians is in the ascendant, making it difficult for individual white musicians of similar talents to get as much work as their black confrères. Harris had an aggressive philosophy in this respect, but also recognised that established white musicians could also create work for hlacks.

As long ago as 1967 he said, "I think the jazz scene is finally going to evolve into a going thing again - Don Ellis" (a white trumpeter band-mate of Harris's) "has his hig band, and there's Stan Kenton and Buddy Rich. I'm pulling for them, because I consider them the Elvis Presteys and Bobby Darins of jazz - and, once they make it, the coloured musicians will naturally have to make it, too." One of the best-known of the

multitude of Harris's albums was made during a visit in Eng- pianist, organist, vocalist, comland in 1972 when he recorded Eddie Harris in the UK with the 1936; died Los Angeles 5 British rock stars Stevie Win- November 1996.

wood. Jeff Beck. Zoot Money, Rich Grech and Albert Lee. Harris continued to record until recently, making a remarkable album in 1992, For

You, For Me, For Ever More, the circumstances of which in some ways typified his musical life. He had intended to record a duo session with a pianist and Harris on tenor but, when the pianist didn't show up, Harris recorded all the piano parts first, and then added his tenor sax improvisations. Despite a brave effort, the results were flawed.

Eddie Harris, tenor saxophonist. poser: born Chicago 20 October



Photograph: Redferns

### Births, Marriages & Deaths

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DEATHS

JERRETT: Samuel H. Jerrett OBE PD JERRETT: Samuel H. Jerrett OBE PD DL. on S November, aged 78 years. Dearly loved Justiand of Jackie and lather of Sam and Charles, grandfa-ther of Arthur and Surf. Service at Trentham Parish Church, Trentham Stokeson-Trent, on Friday 15 No-tember at Ipm. Donations preferred to St John Ambulance, 18 Lichfield Road, Stafford ST(7-4L). Enquiries to Fortester Brothers Funeral Ser-vices, Stokeson-Trent. Telephone 03782-313874.

RADICE: Edward Albert (Teddy), suddenly, following a stroke, on 8 November, at the age of 89. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. At his request there will be no extemosy, but a memorial meet-ing will be arranged at St Antony's College, Oxford.

suncements for Gazette BIRTHS. MARRIAGES & DEATHS (Births, Adoptions, Marriages, Deaths, Memo-rial services, Wedding analyses arries, in Memoriam) should be sent in writing to the Gazette Editor, The Independent, I Canada Square, Canary Wharf, Lon-tion E14 5DL, telephoned to 0171-293 201 or faxed to 0171-293 2010, and are shoused or \$6.50 a line (VAT arries) Forthcoming marriages

Mr S. A. Lovegrove and Miss K. C. Brooke

and Miss K. C. Brooke
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs
John Lovegrove, of Great Alne,
Warwickshire, and Kate, daughter
of Mr Timothy and the Hon Mrs
Sergison-Brooke, of Chipping Warden, Northamptonshire.

Birthdays

Dame Peggy Fenner MP, 74; Lord Goff of Chieveley, a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, 70; Dr William Hayes, President, St John's College, Oxford, 66; Dr Joseph Hendron MP. 63; Miss Kim Hunter, actress, 74; Sir Pe-ter Lloyd MP. 59; Miss Jennifer Page, chief executive, Millenium Commission, 52; Miss Stephanie Powers, actress, 53; Miss Jn Stafford. singer, 78: Sir William Sutherland, Chief Constable, Lothian and Borders Police, 63; Professor John Tarrant, Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Huddersfield University, 55; Prebendary Chad Varah, founder of the Samaritans, 85; Mr Neil Young, rock singer and guitarist, 50.

Anniversaries

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

Births: Edward Vernon ("Old Grog"), Admiral, 1684; Alexander

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Deaths: Canute (the Great), King of England and Deumark, 1035; Sir John Hawkins, naval commander and navigator, 1595; Thomas Fairfax, third Baron Fairfax of Cameron, Parhind Baron Partax of Cameron, Par-liamentary army Commander-in-Chief, 1671; Mrs Elizabeth Cleghorn Gaskell, novelist, 1865; Emma Mag-dalena Rosalia Marie Josepha Bar-bara, Baroness Onzy, novelist, 1947; John Innes Mackintosh Stewart ("Michael Innes"), literary scholar and author, 1994. On this day: John Bunyan, author, was arrested for preaching without a focuce, 1660;the first Jewish newspaper in Britain, the Jewish Chronicle, was published, 1841; the first flying-trapeze act was performed by Jules Léotard at the Cirque Napoleon, Paris, 1859; a great eruption of Mount Vesuvius oc-curred, 1867; the remains of Captain Scott and his companions were found in Antarctica, 1912; the Emperor Karl of Austria-Hungary abdicated, and Austria became a republic, 1918; in elections in Germany, the Nazis re-ceived 92 per cent of the votes, 1933; the Aliles took Tobrut, 1942. Today is the Feast Day of St Astrik or Anastasius, St Benedict of Ben-evento, St Cadwalader, St Cumian the Tall, St Cunibert, St Emilian Cu-

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Lectures

National Gallery: Mari Griffith, "Grand Tours (il): Richard Wison and Thomas Jones, The Lure of Victoria and Albert Museum Car-

oline Rimell, "Metal Inlaid Decoration on Purniture", 2.30pm. Tate Gallery: David Jacques. Tourists in Gardens: the lure of Eng land", 1pm. British Museum: Nicole Donek

Myths of Creation and the Gods of Ancient Egpyt", 1.15pm. RIBA Architecture Centre, London W1: Ross Lovegrove talks about his work 6.30pm.

Lord Mayor's Banquet The Lord Mayor of Lordon, Mr Roger Cook, accompanied by the Sheriffs of the City of London, Mr Clive Martin and Mr Keith Knowles, and their ladies, entertained the outgoing Lord Mayor, Sir John Chal-strey, and Lady Chalstrey, at a Banquet held yesterday evening at Guildhall, London EC2. The Lord Mayor, Sir John Chaistrey, the Arch-histop of Canterbury, the Prime Minister and the Lord Chancellor were the speakers.

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### Longer prison sentences for knife killings R v Latham; Court of Appeal

(Criminal Division) (Lord Justice Kennedy, Mr Justice McKinnon, Mr Justice Johnson) 5 November

The existing sentencing tariff for offences of manslaughter resulting from the use of a knife, deliberately carded as a weapon in a public place, was too low and should be increased from around seven years to between . 10 and 12 years. The Court of Appeal (Crim-

inal Division) granted an Attorney General's reference under section 36 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 for leave to refer to the court a sentence which he regarded as unduly lenient. The offender was Daniel George Latham, who was sentenced to five years' imprisonment for manslaughter, with three concurrent sentences of 18 months each for unlawful wounding after pleading guilty to these offences before Mr Justice Wright at Maidstone Crown Court on 18 April 1996. David Calvert-Smith (CPS HQ) for the Attorney General; William Clegg QC (assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals) for the offender.

Lord Justice Kennedy said the offender, then aged 20, and a friend of his had become involved in a fight with eight othLAW REPORT
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a knife and stabbed four of. his opponents. One of them died and the others required hospital treatment.

said he had been attacked and had used a knife in self-defence. He had been carrying a butterfly-knife, the blade of which was almost four inches long. He said he carried it in case he had trouble with others with whom he had previously fought. He said he had "lunged" with the knife but could not explain the injuries to three of the victims' backs.

He was originally indicted for murder and wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, contrary to section 18 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861. But after discussion between counsel and with the judge in chambers, pleas were accepted instead of guilty to the lesser offences of manslaughter, on the ground of provocation, and unlawful

wounding. Although prosecuting coun-sel had not registered any objection to this at the time, the

er young men in the car park of a night-chib in Gillingham, Kent. The offender produced

Attorney General was entitled to refer the matter to the Court of Appeal, and that court, if satof Appeal, and that court, if sat-isfied it would be right to do so, could increase the sentence. The discussion in chambers gave rise to no jurisdictional bar. In interview the offender The Attorney General sub-mitted that for offences of manslaughter resulting from

the deliberate carrying of a knife in a public place with a view to it being used as a weapon by someone who took drink or drugs and then used it so as to cause death, a sentencing tariff had become established which was inappropriate. In relation to this type of

manslaughter, courts in recent years had tended to impose a sentence of about seven years' imprisonment on conviction. and four years on a plea of guilty. The sentence imposed by Wright J in this case was thus entirely in line with the existing tariff, but the Attorney General submitted that that tariff should now be reviewed.

His Lordship rejected the de-fendant's submission that section 36 of the 1988 Act did not permit the appeal court to increase an existing tariff, since

range could not be considered "unduly lenient" so as to entitle the court to interfere. There was nothing in the wording of section 36 to prevent the Attorney General's concluding that a tariff sentence was induly lenient and it was difficult to see what there was to prevent the appeal court from coming to the same conclusion.

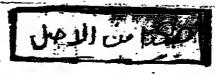
Section 2 of the Offensive Weapons Act 1996 increased to four years the penalty for carrying an offensive weapon without lawful authority of reasonable excuse. They demonstrated that Parliament shared the much publicised public concern about the carrying of knives.
Their Lordships westerper-

of seven years on convitation in this type of case was too low Where an offender went out with a knife, carrying it as a weapon, and used it to cause death, even if there was provocation, he should expect to receive on conviction in contested case a sentence of 10c

to 12 years. In the circumstances of the present case, however, it would be inappropriate to increase the

offender's sentence.

Paul Magrath, Barrister



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CBI in Harrogate: Gordon Brown unveils anti-inflation strategy as John Monks calls for partnership between employers and unions

## No windfall tax details until Labour is in power

Michael Harrison and Chris Godsmark

Labour yesterday disclosed that it would not spell out details of its windfall tax on the privatised utilities until it was in power. But it went further than it has gone before in setting out its tough anti-inflationary strategy, indicating that it would aim at a target of under 2.5 per cent.
Gordon Brown, the shadow
Chancellor, said Labour would

take representations from all interested parties on the windfall levy and "announce the details of its implementation once, in government, we have consulted the regulators".

The comment, in an address to the Confederation of British ludustry annual conference in Harrogate, surprised husiness leaders who had expected details of the tax to emerge by the time of Labour's manifesto.

However, CBI leaders took heart at Mr Brown's pledge on low and stable inflation and his commitment to keep it at or below the rate of rival economies such as Germany, Mr Brown the Tories. For, unlike the Government, we plan to deliver on our inflation target. We will want our inflation performance to match that of our competions in Europe."

escape the levy.

Michael Heseltine, deputy Prime Minister, stepped up pressure on Labour over the

If that was achieved then never again should interest rate decisions affecting the loog term appear to be manipulated for short-term party political that a target of 2.5 per cent or less was "sensible", pointing out that inflation was running at 2.9 per cent against the Government's target of 2.5 per cent and a European average of 2.4

A CBI spokesman said it pensions."

ment to low and stable inflation. But the further delay in detailing which companies will face the tax, how it will be structured and how much it will raise fuelled speculation that Labour has run into legal difficulties

over the controversial levy. Mr Brown emphasised it would be "a one-off windfall levy from the excess profits of the pri-vatised utilities". "I think people increasingly understand that the windfall levy is going to happen and that it is a measure which has a clear and identifiable purpose," he said. His aides said that in princi-

ple all privatised utilities would be considered for inclusion in the tax but they could not give a definition of which companies would be vulnerable. Estimates of how much the tax might raise range from £5bn to £10bn but a great deal hinges on how the tax is framed.

Labour sources conceded that Alastair Campbell, press secretary to Labour leader Tony Blair, had "dropped a clanger" when he stated last week that the said: "We will not be satisfied with simply talking as tough as the Tories. For unlike the Garage and the Tories of the Tories o ahled the electricity generator PowerGen to claim that it would

windfall tax, describing it as Danegeld. "And you know the moral of that story. Once you've paid the Danegeld you never get rid of the Dane."

levy would mean lower investment, higher prices, or both. "It's a proposed levy on each of us. On 8 million shareholders. On every consumer of gas, water, electricity. On everyone with a telephone. On jobs, on



## 'End campaign against 48-hour week'

Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent** 

John Monks, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, yesterday urged employers to end their campaign against European legislation to impose a week on British companies.

the first speech to the CBI's annual conference by a TUC leader, Mr Monks insisted that the rise of what he called "the European dimension" was mevitable, despite the Govcrument's opt out from the Social Chapter of the Maastricht Treaty, and the desire of busi-

nesses to "be like Greta Gar-bo and be left alone".

The European Court of Justice will today hand out judge-ment on the UK's objections to the directive on working hours, which gets round the British opt out on social legislation by maximum 48-hour working treating the 48-hour week as a health and safety issue.

partnership with employers to help implement the new rules. "If it does happen I hope that it will lead to consultation about how it can be applied flexibly and efficiently, but ef-fectively in the UK," he told

work for a new partnership with business, but in a combative address argued that the British tradition of benevolent employers was getting weaker. He said: "The relentless

monder value has damaged it in many a British company and in some cases destroyed it allogether." He gave the many a large th pressure to enhance sharegether." He gave the example of Marks & Spencer, which last week announced it would take on an extra 2,000 staff and saw its shares immediately marked down by City investors.

Though Mr Monk's speech was warmly applauded by del-

The TUC leader pledged to egates, his attitude to Europe exposed sharp differences in the conference hall. Another speaker, John Neill, the chief executive of the Unipart car parts group, attacked the "scie-rotic vision" behind the Social

> its high-profile employee train-ing schemes with a company "nniversity" and its backing for the concept of stakeholding. However the company derecognised unions from its plants

Mr Neill said Britain now

**Patrick Tooher** 

Francis Baron was ousted yes-

terday as chief executive of First Choice Holidays, and will

receive £640,000 in compensa-

tion under the terms of his ser-

vice contract with the tour

News of the pay-off, equiva-

ranked far ahead of France, Germany or Italy on labour flexibility as a result of policies pionecred by Lady Thatcher in the early eighties. Imposing new burdens on business, he said, would see the UK flattened

by "the Asian juggemants". Several other speakers were more conciliatory, backing Mr nk's talk of with unions. Bruce Warman, personnel director of the Vauxhall car company and a former colleague of Mr Neill, said: "We have European legislation ebbing at our shores. Maybe it's a tidal wave and we cannot ignore trade unions."

First Choice ousts chief

exec at cost of £640,000

### Kay and ICI lock horns on policy

Michael Harrison

John Kay, an arch proponent of the stakeholder philosophy and an adviser to Tony Blair, was at loggerheads with ICI vesterday after he accused the chemicals group of putting profits above the interests of customers, em-ployees and local communities.

Professor Kay, chairman of London Economics, said that ICI, chaired by Sir Ronnic Hampek, who also heads up Cadbury II, had changed its business strategy after the abortive takeover attempt by Hanson to one that "acknowledges no claim other than that of shareholders"

He went on to compare its approach with that of Marks & Spencer, which was successful because its commitment to employees and customers was not a policy of the board but a characteristic of the very company.

Professor Kay said that in 1986 ICI's stated objectives were to "enhance the wealth and well-being of our shareholders, our employees, our customers and the communities which we serve and in which we operate through innovative and re-sponsible application of chem-istry. After the Hanson bid its objective instead became to maximise value for our shareholders by focusing on businesses where we have market leadership, a technological edge and a world competitive base".

This change of tack. Professor Kay said, was the product of a "deformed style of capitalism" which, far from underpinning the market system, would bring it to its knees. But ICI said it had devised a fresh set of objectives and mission statement since Charles Miller-Smith took over as chief executive a year ago.

This says: "Our vision is to be value for customers and share holders." This would be achieved hy, among other things, "inspiration and reward of talented people, exemplary performance in safety and health and responsible for the

while lan Clubb, currently non-

executive deputy chairman, will

came to a head at a board meet-

It is understood that matters

assume a full executive role.

## Carpetbaggers cash in on A&L loophole

Alliance & Leicester "carpetbaggers", whom the building society tried to shut out of a £1,000 free shares handout when the society floats on the stock market, are in line for cash payouts worth thousands of pounds instead because of a legal loophole.

The society sparked anger from many policyholders last month after announcing that it aimed to give each of its 2.4 million members a fixed amount of 250 shares each on flotation

Magnus Grimond

British Steel warned yesterday that further strengthening of the

pound would force the group to

speed up redundancy plans in an effort to maintain its com-

petitiveness against European

Unveiling more than halved interim profits yesterday, Sir Brian Moffat, chairman and

chief executive, said the

strengthening currency meant

the group's cost competitiveness had been eroded while com-

petitors had been advantaged. Efficiency measures aiready

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Statistics as of 11 November

Halifax and Woolwich, intend to give extra amounts depending on savings balances. Policyholders who joined the

A&L after its 31 December 1995 cut-off date for new accounts cannot vote next month on the planned flotation. And the Building Societies Act says they are therefore not entitled to free shares after conversion

planned would have to he ac-

"This will impact on all husi-

ses. We are not talking about

celerated to regain the com-

petitive edge built up over the

radical closures, but we are

talking about improvements in

productivity which are bound to

impact on the employment sit-

British Steel shed 500 staff in the first half. Officials said any

further job losses would not be

significantly in excess of the nor-

mal annual attrition rate of

500 to 1,000 from a workforce

which totalled 53,400 at the end

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past two to three years.

and 16 January, when they were on members a fixed amount of halted, give the "carpethag-50 shares each on flotation gers" all other membership Other societies, including rights, they are still entitled to

in a individual's account.

However, because accounts opened between 31 December

a cash share of the society's assets. Payouts will be based on about 11 per cent of the amount

John Denison, an A&L member, said: "A loyal investor who has had £50,000 in an account dating from any time hefore 31 December will he eligible to vote and, if the proposals go ahead, he will receive the flat rate 250 shares worth about £1,000. "The 'carpetbagger', who opened an account with £50,000 after that date is entitled to receive, if the proposals go ahead, a statutory cash bonus of £5,500. I find this be-

of September. But Sir Brian also

signalled the end of the down-

ward steel price spiral in Europe

which has caused profits to plunge from £550m to £262m in

the latest six months. The mar-

ket was now "just past the low point in the cycle", he said, al-though how far it picked up de-pended on customers and the

British Steel said that the UK

market had held up in the first

half, but Europe had been weak as a result of destocking and

weak underlying demand, leading to sharp price falls. Stainless

steel slumped 45 per cent to the

neral environment.

yond belief." Those benefiting will be among the few thousand who opened accounts in the two-week period in early January, when the A&L finally scrapped membership rights

The society tried to limit the free cash entitlement by setting 31 January as the final date for boosting the amount in a policyholders' account. But savers adding to their balances before then will be entitled to the

An A&L spokesman said: "We estimate that the total number of people who will place until next year.

lowest price for a decade, but had since recovered between 5

and 8 per cent, with another in-

"The destocking phase has ended, with price increases

across a broad range of prod-ucts, "Sir Brian said. This point-

ed to cautious optimism for the

period ahead, with British Steel

expected to operate at full ca-

pacity and strong order books in the second half.

The main price rises had been seen in "value-added"

lines, British Steel said, includ-

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crease in the pipeline.

benefit from this loophole is insignificant and have done everything we can to stop 'January Joiners', as we call them, from

benefiting disproportionately."
He added that the society's flat-rate shares distribution was fair because 83 per cent of the society's eligible members had less than £5,000 in their ac-

Woolwich said yesterday that none of its carpethaggers, who joined just before the flotation was announced, would receive similar benefits because unlike the A&L its vote would not take

try, and heavy structural steel, where a £10 a tonne price in-

crease had recently been put

through. But Sir Brian said the

company would inevitably be a price follower as its European

competitors used the strength

The group unveiled its first

expansion plans in the Far East

yesterday, involving a £29m joint venture to build an organic

coating line and roll profiling fa-

cilities with Jindal Iron & Steel

of India. Sir Brian said he

hoped the "relatively modest"

investment would be the start

of more than one project there.

of sterling to raise prices.

### lent to two years' salary, is like-ly to cause consternation among institutional investors and re-ig-nite the "payment for failure" debate currently raging in cor-Strong pound halves British Steel profit

porate governance circles.

During Mr Baron's threeyear tenure at the helm of First Choice, the share price more than halved, while in the year to October 1995 the company reported a £3.4m loss before exceptional items, having made profits of over £30m in the

First Choice hlamed Mr Baron's sudden departure on a clash of personalities in the boardroom. "Unfortunately, his relationships with many of his key colleagues have become un-workable and in these circumstances the board felt the continued progress of the group would be compromised if Francis remained as group chief ex-ecutive," said Michael Julien, the chairman.

Mr Baron, whose manage-



Battle lost: Francis Baron

ment style was described by insiders as "authoritarian", responded: "It is a pity that these differences could not have been resolved, but there are some battles you can win and some

erating division, will take over as group managing director,



says you can't win them all

Peter Long, managing director of the group's UK tour op-



achievement was to secure a £44m rescue rights issue last year to fund expansion in Canada. His departure raises the prospect of this year's dividend being cut. Mr Baron is known 10 have wanted to reward those

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investors who backed the company in the rights issue by maintaining the payout. BAe scoops £480m

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## order from Australia British Aerospace has won its

higgest single order worth an es-timated A\$1bm (£480m) for its successful Hawk military training jet, writes Chris Godsmark. The Australian Air Force

has chosen BAe as the preferred candidate to replace its existing fleet of 87 Italian Aer Macchi trainers which have been in service for more than 25 years.

The new contract is for BAe to guarantee to provide a given amount of flying hours rather than planes, but the total number of Hawks likely to be supplied is believed to be around 35. The list price for the

plane is between £10m and £16m. BAE beat off competition from Acr Macchi and Mc-Donnell Douglas of the US. The Hawks will be specially

modified to match the cockpir design of the RAAF's fleet of McDonnell Douglas F18 fightcrs. The first planes will enter service by 2000, with several BAe staff likely 10 provide back-up service in Australia.

BAe said that the order would guarantee jobs for staff in Brough near Hull and Warton near Preston and a small number of extra johs could be created.

## Regulatory cloud lifted from BAA

Sir John Egan, chief executive of BAA was in upbeat mood at yesterday's presentation of interim results for Britain's dominant airports operator. With a relatively benign regulatory framework in place on airport landing charges, a big cloud has been re-

moved from the group's horizon. Sir John was also sounding confident about another issue that could act as a brake on the shares' progress - a Labour windfall tax on the privatised utilities. Sir John said he had received no word that BAA would be included in such a tax and analysts agree that with such a heavy capital expenditure programme. BAA is likely to escape.

That leaves only one potential prob-lem – the possible end of duty-free New management at Sidlaw is at last shopping in Europe by 1999. Even here BAA is hullish, for if the concession is abolished BAA will be allowed to recoup some of the lost revenue by rais-

ing airport landing charges.

But far from hacking away from duty-free, BAA is expanding its interests. It is expanding its international business outside of Europe and over the weekend announced the formation of a new company, World Duty Free, to develop its duty-free operations around the world. BAA says the worldwide duty-free market is worth £21bn and has been growing as double-digit rates for the pasi few years. With a 5 per cent share of the market so far, BAA hopes to huild that share with or without the European husiness.

The company also announced plans over the weekend to take over a number of UK contracts with Nuance, the former Allders International husiness acquired by SwissAir earlier this year. All this accompanied decent figures for the six months to 30 September which contained few surprises. Pre-tax profits edged up by 3.4 per cent to £304m. This reflected an adjustment of £11m of airport charges which have been "re-phased" to the second half. On a like-for-like basis profits were 10.5 per cent ahead.

Passenger numbers at BAA's seven airports were up by 4.4 per cent to 8.7 million in October, although short-haul traffic in the summer was hit by a cut in capacity by the tour operators, Stanslead performed strongly and made its debut first-half profit.

Much of BAA's promise lies in its retail operations which account for 44 per cent of revenue. Retail income per passenger rose by 7.2 per cent to £4.20, with perfume sales particularly strong.
BAA is also starting to show its abilities lie beyond just being a landlord.
It is developing new formats of its control of the sales of It is developing new formats of its own, such as Whiskies of the World, Forth-

coming openings include Studio 55,

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aimed at high-spending Japanese pas-sengers. With analysts forecasting full-year profits of £455m, the shares, down 6p at 496p yesterday, trade on a forward rating of 15. Good value.

### Sidlaw heads out of the woods

showing signs of leading the group ont of the woods it got into when it paid over the odds for Courtaulds' flexible packaging operations in 1993. That £78m deal transformed Sidlaw from a minor Scottish mini-conglomerate into one of Europe's largest packaging companies and led management to make the fatal error of pursuing volume at a time when margins were being squeezed at both ends.

The old strategy contributed to ses which have deepened from £112,000 to £7.27m in the year to September. But since the October arrival

lieving the worst may be over. Most immediately, the exceptional items which have scarred recent figures, rising from £7.38m to £8.23m in the latest period, should not recur and should lead to future benefits. Of the total last rear, £5.34m related to the net costs of the sale or closure of underper-

forming parts of the packaging division But more important to the group's revival is the path heing laid down by Mr Durston, whose room for ma-nocuvre has been vastly increased by September's £56m sale of the ASCo oil services business. At a stroke, that deal erases Sidlaw's former high gearing and throws up a £16.5m profit, allowing him to pursue his stated strategy of seeking higher margin husiness.

He sees scope for expansion in growing areas with high barriers to entry like individual chocolate biscuit

wrappers.

Growth rates of 2.5-4 per cent may not sound much, but they are better than the flat or declining sales typical in traditional mainstays.

He has set himself the demanding of packaging man John Durston as chief executive, there are grounds for be-

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BAA: at a glance

from the low of 1.7 per cent hit in the second half of last year. But, boosted by hopes that in early 1997 he can push through the first price rises for four years, the omens for Sidlaw are better than they have been for a long time. Minimal profits of £2.5m for the full year would put the shares, unchanged at 106p, on a stratospheric multiple of 35. Reasonable value for those brave enough to back the man even so.

### **Prowting** being squeezed

Interim results from Uxbridge-based Prowting illustrate well the problems facing smaller housebuilders. In a rapidly consolidating sector, where greater size gives increasing economies of scale, only just being among the top two dozen of housebuilders is not an ideal position to be in.

Not even its location in southern England, where the housing market is relatively buoyant, has helped Prowt-ing's cause. While the larger players such as Bellway and Westbury are reporting good profit and margin im-provements, Prowting is going in the

opposite direction.

In the six months to August, the pre-tax number almost halved from £4.1m to £2.2m on sales 17 per cent higher at £59.2m. The maintained 1.9p divi-

dend was uncovered by earnings per share of 1.6p (3.3p).

Prowting hlamed an "extremely competitive" new homes market, where price increases have failed to match those secured in the secondhand market. Buyers still seem to have the upper hand and are driving a hard bargain, especially for new hous-es. As a result, margins remain under re, collapsing to 5.7 per cent from 11.3 per cent a year ago, even though the cost of part-exchange and other incentive schemes fell and the average selling price rose to almost £90,000 from £77,000, as more large houses in more expensive areas were huilt.

Prowting expects to complete 1,350 transactions this year, up from 1,217, but with the approach of a general elec-tion likely to lead to a house-buying hia-tus and land prices registering annual increases of up to 50 per cent the out-

lonk is less than promising. House broker Panmure Gordon is sticking with its full year pre-tax fore-cast of £7.7m (£6m), implying a forward p/e ratio of 18 with the shares at 114p, down 1.5p.
That rating leaves little room for er-

# Emap profit of £51m puts feud in back seat

**Mathew Horsman** Media Editor

Emap, the media company in the throes of a boardroom bustup, yesterday took a breather from its management misfor-tunes to announce sharply higher interim profits of

£50.6m, up 34 per cent. The company also booked a pre-tax profit gain of £113.5m from the sale of its newspaper and printing businesses to John-ston Press, following a £217m deal completed earlier this year. Turnover was ahead 16 per cent at £388.3m

Several media analysts up-graded their forecasts for the full year, pointing out that the newspaper sale had resulted in a lower tax charge than many had expected. Full-year forecasts range to as high as £118m, or 37p a share.
Insiders conceded that the re-

sults were a welcome diversion from a long-simmering board-room dispute between two ieneade independent directors, Joe Cooke and Ken Simmonds, who are to fight the board's plans to fire them at an extraordinary meeting on 2 December.

The company declined to provide further details yesterday of succession plans, which have been widely aired in recent weeks. According to informed sources, Robin Miller, the chief executive, is likely to become non-executive chairman when Sir John Hoskyns stands down. Sir John told analysts yesterday that he was unlikely to do so before 1998.

Mr Miller and the managing director, David Arculus, have had several disagreements over strategy, but sources close to the company insisted last night they were not serious. Mr Arculus is expected to become chief executive if Mr Miller rises to the chairmanship.



executive chairman when Sir John Hoskyns steps down

rectors have sent letters to all shareholders asking for support against their dismissal. The two argue that the interests of good corporate governance require strong independent represen-tation on the board. Their battle with management flared last summer, when they opposed proposals, approved by shareholders, to reduce the members and dispense with the need to consult shareholders if 75 per cent of board agreed to dismiss directors. Institutional shareholders are

widely expected to support management, and agree to dismiss the two men.

first results from Tele Star, the French listing magazine, as well as sharply higher returns from commercial radio, following the purchase of the Metro Radio group. Radio profits breached £10m, up 85 per

cent year-on-year.
Consumer magazines, one of the group's core businesses, saw operating profits rise 11 per minimum number of board - cent to £19.9m; on turnover ahead 8 per cent at £115.6m. Strong advertising growth in the UK, expected to continue into the second half, was the main driver of climbing profits. The French consumer magazine husinesses, boosted by the Tele Star acquisition, saw profits soar by 108 per cent to £13.4m.

Capital

moves into

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Capital Radio, the profitable

commercial radio company,

yesterday turned its back on the

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**Mathew Horsman** 

### IN BRIEF

- · Fidelity Brokerage Group, the US-owned broking firm banned from taking on new business by the Securities and Futures Authority for three months, has appointed Kenneth Rathgeber acting president. He temporarily replaces David Plucinsky, who was in charge of the broking operation when a new computer system was installed - the root of the problems which caused the SFA han. Mr Rathgeber was sent to the UK to unravel the problems and will remain until a permanent head is hired. Mr Plucinsky will take on a "special assignment" at FBG.
- The directors of listed companies outside the FTSE 350 are against any increase in the requirements of the Cadbury code on corporate governance, according to a survey published today by Arthur Andersen and Binder Hamlyn, the accountants. Instead, they want the Hampel Committee, which has succeeded the Cadbury Committee, to concentrate on reducing the burden for them. Our survey showed that the existing Cadbury requirements place a disproportionate hurden on non-FTSE 350 companies and that the costs of complying with the code outweigh the benefits," said Clive Reay, a partner specialising in the mid-corporate market.
- Deutsche Morgan Grenfell has been saved from making ar outright bid for Sysdeco, a Norwegian software firm in which Peter Young, the disgraced fund manager, had built up a 47 per cent stake. A holding of over 45 per cent in a company can require an investor to make a bid. But the Oslo Stock Exchange yester-day decided it would not oblige Deutsche to bid for the firm. It will treat the hank's holding – 20.7 per cent by Morgan Grenfell Asset Management and 26.7 per cent by Deutsche – as two separate holdings, even though MGAM is part of Deutsche.
- Scottish Pride Holdings is in advanced talks regarding the sale
  of its UHT, cheese and butter husinesses to Scottish Milk. Scottish Pride said it expected to announce soon that detailed terms
- Rolls-Royce's Rolls-Royce Power Ventures unit has signed a joint venture agreement with Northern Electric Generation, a division of Northern Electric, to develop, own and operate a 50MW natural gas-fired power station at Seal Sands on Teesside. The venture will came on stream in November 1997 and will be called Viking Power. Viking will be owned 50/50 by the two companies.
- United News & Media has sold the South Wales Argus and other newspapers in the Wales division of its regional newspaper unit. United Provincial Newspapers, to Southern Newspapers for £31.5m cash. The proceeds would be used to reduce group debt. United said. UPN Wales reported 1995 operating profits of £1.08m
- Halifax Building Society has signed a £130m agreement with British Telecom for its new multi-media communications services. The five-year contract makes Halifax the first financial institution in the country to use BT's new ATM (Asynchronous Trans-

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## East Midlands in formal takeover talks

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Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent** 

Directors of East Midlands Electricity were last night preparing for formal discussions about a possible takeover minion Resources, the US util-

After days of detailed work on the hid by Dominion's board and advisers from SBC Warburg and US buyout specialists Wassterstein Perellas, the Virginia-based power company approached East Midlands yesterday to arrange a meeting.

It is thought the negotiations could take place as early as today. Thomas Capps, Dominion's chairman, was understood to be flying to London to meet for the first time with Sir Nigel Rudd, East Midlands stood to bave made clear that East Midlands will have serious talks about a bid as long as the offer represents a good deal for shareholders.

When the possibility of an ap-proach was revealed last week

a price of at least some 650p a share, worth more than £1.3bn. It was unclear last night whether Dominion was ready to make a formal offer on this scale. A source close to the company said: "There isn't a specific set of parameters at this stage."

There are three possible outcomes from the talks: an agreed takeover bid recommended by East Midlands' board to its Dominion said It would not be prepared to pay much more shareholders; a hostile bid by Dominion after the failure of the than 608p a share for the Not- two sides to agree on a price: or

ing it at £1,2bn. However East Midlands is likely to hold out for surged ahead yesterday, closing up 10p at 603.5p. The share efficiency comparisons based price had been depressed last on share price performance. week by the growing belief minion bid, and the hostile offer already launched by US-controlled CE Electric for

Northern Electric, would be blocked by the Government. If both hids succeed, it would leave just three of the 12 privatised regional electricity companies remaining with separate stock market listings.

Professor Stephen Littlechild, the possibility that the US predathe electricity regulator, is tor would decide not to bid. Shares in East Midlands thought to be concerned that this urged ahead vesterday, closing would reduce his ability to make

> Labour has suggested that if Government could insist on keeping a minority of Northern and East Midlands shares trading on the stock market.

John Battle, Labour's energy spokesman, said he was not opposed to electricity takeovers by foreign firms but the regulator had to be certain he could continue to do his job. .

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UniChem's average debt level of

were before estimated restruc-

turing and certain bid costs.

### The offer, in cash or in part shares, has the backing of MKT management, speaking for 13 per cent of the company. Richard Eyre, Capital's chief executive, said the restaurants business would use "many of the skills we have developed in ra-

dio". He conceded the move had been unexpected, but claimed there were obvious synergies between Capital's music and entertainment background and event restaurants" He said the company interid-ed to cross-promote the Capi-£128m for last year, a spokesman for the German group said, and tal Radio hrand and the restaurants, which include The

Chicago Pizza Pie Factory, Taeos and Beach Blanket Babylon. Capital, owners of London's most successful commercial radio station, has underperformed the red-hot media sector in recent months, as the market awaited news of the company's strategy. The remaining comstrategy. The remaining com-mercial licences in the UK have been bid up to levels Mr Eyre said were unacceptable, while Capital was considered by many

to be ton big to be able to win

new licences granted by the Radio Authority. Analysts had been pushing the company to make acquisitions, with other media the favoured option. But Mr Eyre said yesterday: "I'm not sure it makes sense for us to invest in lelevision, say. That market is all about programme making and programme acquisition -

those are not our skills." The acquisition won the support of several analysts yesterday. One said: "I think this is an intriguing move, and it makes sense to take the merchandising brand into new markets." 16p to 577.5p on the news.

entered into a joint venture to develop Capital Radio Café on the ground floor of the radio company's new offices in Leicester Square, London. Additional Radio Cafés are to be launched over the next 12 months.

## Invesco in call for £119m to tie up AIM

**Banking Correspondent** 

Invesco vesterday raised £119m via a rights issue to contribute towards the cost of the \$1.6bn (£1bn) merger with Texas-based AIM, a deal that will make it one of the world's largest fund

management groups.

Most of the merger price will be satisified by the issue of 290 million invesco shares to shareholders in AIM. The remaining \$500m is being raised in cash from loans and yester-

day's rights issue.
The rights issue will be made by Invesco Funding LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Invesco, on the basis of one unit of convertible unsecured loan stock in Invesco Funding for every 5 existing Invesco ordinary

The units wil be converted

vesco provided that debt financing commitments have not been terminated.

The merged group, which will be renamed Amvesco, will control \$150bn (£91bn) of funds which values the 72 per cent of the mutual fund group held by AIM's founder directors and management at £720m.

Four top executives of AIM, including fed Bauer, the 77-year-old founder, are to be locked in with four-year fixed-term contracts which will then convert to one-year rolling con-

Mr Bauer's stake in AIM is worth about £110m and he will end up with 5 per cent of the merged company.

In total, seven of the AIM di-rectors will together hold a 20 per cent stake in the merged company and they have agreed not to sell their stakes for five

## Cost of Lloyds bid set to jump for UniChem

**Magnus Grimond** 

UniChem has revealed that its £641m bid for Lloyds Chemists would cost around £25.4m in fees and other charges. The figure, announced in the offer document sent to Lloyds shareholders over the weekend, covers £14m ex-peased in underwriting offers for Lloyds earlier this year, plus the legal and administrative costs of dealing with the subsequent reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The additional £11.4m is an estimate of the further costs of advisers and stamp duty if the latest bid is suc-

UniChem reiterated its claim that the merger of the businesses would lead to "material earn-ings enhancement" after the first year. Lord Rippon, the chairman, said annual cost savings would run at over £15m in the first 12 mouths and in excess of £20m thereafter. The en-



larged group would create a UK leader in pharmacy retailing, the distribution of prescription drugs to independent chemists and the wholesaling of veterinary

a rival £651m bid for Lloyds, countered that gearing would



products.

But Gebe, which is mounting

That level of debt will leave the group vulnerable, he claimed.
We think this is something to be questioned, particularly as at the time of the last rights issue in 1994 [Lloyds] said it wanted to cut gearing, then standing at 36 per cent." However, in an immediate riposte, Jeffery Harris, the UniChem chief executive, said Only them cher executive, said Gehe were trotting our all same old themes. "Contrary to all Gehe's earlier protestations of the diminishing value of Lloyds, their bid of £5 underlines the val-

ue we have put on the company. We are confident of delivering value to shareholders from the

## Telekom puts 690m shares on market ly due to a slick advertising cam-paign that set out to dispel Germans' innate fears of the va-

**Imre Karacs** 

Overwhelmed by a torrent of orders, the German telephone monopoly Deutsche Telekom announced yesterday that it was putting another 115 million shares on the market next week, raising the total to 690 million and boosting the amount of money raised by 20 per cent to as much as DM20.7bn (£8.4bn). The company had planned to release 500 million shares, and begins on Monday.

reserved the option of a further 75 million "Greenshoe" shares for Europe's higgest privatisation. Despite the fact that the asking price will be at the top of its original range of DM 20-30, the shares have been heavily oversubscribed, by as much as six-fold, according to some reports. Subscriptions for indi-viduals closed last Wednesday: institutions have until Thursday to register, and trading on the world's main financial markets

"The initial placement of Deutsche Telekom will become a milestone for German stock markets," said Ron Sommer, the company's chairman. "I am convinced that the offering will be a huge success."

Not since the partial privati-sation of Volkswagen three decades ago has a flotation attracted so much interest. Some 3 million Germans have registered, doubling the German share-holding population.
The success has been large-

also plenty of sweeteners in the offer: a 60-pfennig dividend per share at the end of this year, a pledge to double that next year, and guaranteed loyalty shares for every 10 that Germans hold on to for three years. There is also a discount of 50

garies of the Borse. There were

pfennigs for anybody buying up to 300 shares in this round.

to start competing with foreign rivals on a level playing field. Shares dipped sharply on the grey market after yesterday's annonncement, but they are still trading 10 per cent above the Whether ordinary Germans price investors have to pay.

will keep their shares beyond

1998 is doubtful. That date

marks the start of the Big Bang

in Europe's telecommunica-

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Deutsche Telekom, one of the

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## Convergence play leaves Britain out in the cold

tal markets right now the strangest of all is the dramatic narrowing of the premium on Italian and Spanish bonds over those of Germany. To put it simply, what has been happening is that the cost of Italian and Spanish government debt has fallen to the extent that for the first time it has moved to within 2 per centage points of Germany's. Italy now pays less for its money than Britain. The same is also true of Ireland, Finland and Sweden. Given that Italy and Spain could until recently be characterised, from an economic perspective, not too far adrift from hanana republic status, this would seem to be quite a turn-up for the books. But don't worry. It's only partly to do with economic fundamentals. We haven't been over taken by Spain, Italy and Finland yet. Rather the reason is to do with EMU. Peripheral bond markets are rising. strongly in anticipation of monetary union. If markets believe a country will join EMU. it seems reasonable to align their long term bond yields with those of the lowest denominator - Germany - since after EMU their inflation and currency rates should be the same. In markets, this is known as "the convergence play". The dangers for those who adopt this as an investment strategy are only too apparent. Even Deutsche Bank, which is about as strongly pro-EMU as they come, is warning that

sult in the undoing of recent market of the Euro-sceptic, there's little chance trends towards convergence and instead of the gilts market getting swept up in the set off a flight to quality". For the moment. bowever, these dangers are heing ig-nored. Bond prices in Italy and Spain keep motoring upwards. Much tougher than expected Italian and Spanish budgets bave reinforced the view that these countries are both serious about and capable of joining EMU, if not in the first wave, then certainly in the second.

In part, the convergence phenomenon in bond markets is self-fulfilling for the Maastricht Treaty makes it a condition of EMU membership that nominal long term interest rates converge to within 2 percentage points of the hest performing member states. But it is also a reflection of political and economic reality. Because France in particular, and Germany to a limited extent, are also fudging the Maastricht conditions as they race towards monetary union, they cannot be as high minded as in the past about the cheating ways of others. The idea of Spain and Italy as early participants in monetary union is as a consequence less of an anathema to Germany than it was. A more relaxed stance on the fudge, together with some real progress on economic convergence, make it highly possible that Spain and Italy will gain entry at an early stage. Britain' position in all this is a mirror image of that of the Southern Europeans. While its

convergence phenomenon - much to the anguish of the Treasury, for according to a recent report by IBCA, the debt rating agency, the beneficial effects on the cost of Government borrowing could be worth as much as 2p off the basic rate of income tax. The economics argue forcibly against it too. On present Treasury forecasts, Britain is not going to meet the 3 per cent Maastricht ceiling on debt as a proportion of GDP next year. If the Bank of England is right in what it said last week about inflation, Britain may not meet the inflation criteria either. So although these trends in international bond markets seem hard to understand from a British perspective. even hizarre, there is a modicum of log-ic behind them. Britain's wait and see stance on EMU may utilmately prove to have been the right one, but boy is it going to cost us if it turns out to bave heen

### Capital turns to food

Tapital Radio needed to do something to hreak out of the present histus in its development. But whether things are desperate ecough to justify going out and huving a chain of theme restaurants is anany sethack in monetary union "could re- politicians continue to talk the language other thing. It smacks of management that

fore. Capital is a strong marketing brand. So it should he able to provide ambiance, good music, pleasant surroundings and thematic food as well, surely. That was Richard Eyre's argument yesterday, as he unveiled the £51m acquisition of My Kinda Town. There are some sound arguments in favour of the restaurant trade. Britons still eat out less than their counterparts m hig Western countries. Morcover, there are no signs yet that the phenomenal growth in spending un out-of-home meals in recent years is abating. But this is not a simple business: tastes change, trends come and go. Furthermore, Capital is huving into one of the trendiest business sectors in town, and paying the consequent top price for the privilege. To be fair. Mr Eyre had to do something. The City was breathing down his neck, wondering, urging him on to hid or be hid for. Unfortunately, this investment isn't going to convince anyone; are those who think Capital Their Kinda Radio Station going to turn to Mr Eyre for Their Kinda Pizza? It luoks doubtful.

### Harrogate and the single currency

Harrogate's nutlandish and expensive conference centre has, despite its size,

cannot think of anything better to do. We have heard the "synergy" arguments becentives are stuffed together into its confined spaces and maze of walkways, it is no surprise that tempers get a little frayed. Little more than eight hours into what was fast turning into a political circus yesterday the delegates could be forgiven for feeling like soft toys pulled around by a pack of ravenous terriers. Michael Portillo, Michael Heseltine, Gordon Brown - the CBI conference this year seems more like political hustings than a

husiness conference.
The overwhelming impression was of any artempt at serious and much needed commercial discussion put on hold until after the election. One frustrated delegate who will remain nameless summed the pro-ceedings up thus; "Most CBt people would rather politicians said what they stand for than use the conference to slag off their opponents."

Others complained of inahility to plan when so many of the important decisions have yet to be taken.

On the single currency, for example, both main parties are undecided. Not that this does any more than reflect deep di-visions within the CBFs own membership. The CBI itself is sitting un the fence on this vital issue for fear of heing engulfed by a tidal wave of political flak. With that kind of leadership, it is no wonder many husinesses feel rudderless.

# Higher rates fears as raw materials costs jump

Diane Coyle Economics Editor

A jump in the cost of raw materials last month due to higher oil prices left the financial markets on edge about the risk of another increase in interest rates. Although underlying inflation at the factory gate remained at its lowest for 29 years, yesterday's figures were not quite as favourable as ex-

Inflation figures due on Thursday are expected to show that the target measure climbed above 3 per cent last month, pushed higher by petrol prices. cial markets were betting that hase rates will be a full percentage point higher at 7 per



street by the British Retail Consortium, published this assurance, about inflation month, although there were prospects. It shows that retail

Andrew Higginson, chair-man of the economic affairs committee, said; "Whilst retailers are encouraged by this-good performance, there is no sign of the 1980s-style boom that some commentators are talking up."
The prices manufacturers

paid for raw materials and fuel rose by 0.5 per cent in October. It took the year-on-year rate of decline up to minus 2 per cent. The mcrease during the month was entirely due to rising crude oil prices, which were 45 per cent higher than a year earlier.

This also helped take prices charged at the factory gate up smaller increases in the prices to 2.3 per cent. Even so, "core" producer

output prices, excluding food. drink, tobacco and energy, rose by only 0.9 per cent in the 12 months to October, matching the previous month's low. The fact that the oil price was mainly to blame for last

month's increases reassured some analysts. "Inflationary pressures are otherwise very weak," said Simon Briscoe at Nikko Europe. Others were more concerned. "The prodocer price

figures are still incredibly good but they are not going to get any

The BRC's survey, published entage point higher at 7 per sales growth picked up in Oc-ent by June. sales growth picked up in Oc-tober, but the BRC said it did and a range of machinery and showed that retail sales grew 5.9 pared with 2,013 in The latest survey of the high not add up to a runaway boom. equipment. The annual rate of per cent in value in the year to and 1,507 in 1989.

September's 5.2 per cent but a shade under the August-Octo-

ber average of 6 per ceot. The report said there had been an encouraging start to Christmas trading. Sales growth remained strong in areas re-lated in the bousing market, es-pecially furniture and carpets where gains were described as "excellent". Sales of personal computers were also stellar.

Separate figures on the number of insolvencies from accountancy firm Deloitte & Touche showed that this year | main as executive chairman. looks likely to see the lowest number of appointments to retion orders since 1989. The total-in the 10 months

to October was 1,387, com-pared with 2,013 in all of 1995,

## Maxted heads enlarged Chesterfield group

Nigel Cope

Robert Maxted emerged as head of Chesterfied Properties vesterday when the company paid £21.9m for Albion, his privately held property company and installed him as chief executive of the enlarged group.

The deal does not represent a large windfall gain for Mr Maxted who built up Pillar Properties, as he owns just 3 per cent of the company. The bulk of the shares are held by Legal & General, Burford Holdings and Mercury Asset Management

Roger Wingate, whose father founded Chesterfield, will re-There is widespread speculation that Mr Maxted's arrival signals assets which include the Curzon chain of London cinemas and several West End theatres ineluding Wyndhams. Some of Albion's assets may

The property market has segmented into those companies that are active players and those that are not due to balance sheet constraints. This deal gives Albion access to the capital markets. The strategy is to become more opportunistic." It is likely that new develop-



also be sold. Mr Maxted said: ments will form part of the strategy. Albion, which was founded a year ago today, has a property portfolio valued at £110m, including 28 properties such as Tricorn House, an office development in Birmingham, Its net annual income is £11.4m.

Chesterfield is paying for the acquisition through the issue of million new shares at 545p and 2 million warrants at a sub-

scription price of 700p.

Mr Maxied's arrival at Chesterfield is certain to herald a new era of dynamism at Chesterfield which has been regarded as a sleepy player with £300m of assets. The news was greeted positively in the City where Chesterfield shares soared 41.5p to 544p. Now 49, Mr Maxted first

came to prominence in the 1980s when he was a director of Speyhawk. He was later instrumental in huilding a £350m portfolio for Pillar Properties which went public in 1994.

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### Resort **Hotels** boss in court

Shareholders of the mainly three-star Resort Hotels group were "misled" into parting with £20.6m because of the forgeries and false statements by Robert Feld, the company's chief executive, a jury heard yesterday.

"Within about two years the company was in receivership and the shares were valueless," said Mr Anthony Evans QC, prosecuting at Middlesex Crown Court Mr Feld, 43, of Auhrey

House, The Green, Rottingdean, East Sussex, denies three charges of making mis-leading statements to share-holders and 13 of using false instruments in 1992. Mr Feld went into the fam-

ily business, which ran the Norfolk Hotel on Brighton's seafront, after leaving univer-sity. He later formed Norfolk Resort Hotels which acquired the business and assets of the family partnership and of another business he and his sister had started in 1980, the court heard

He changed the company's name to Resort Hotels in 1985 and the husiness was quickly expanded, partly by managing hotels for other companies in return for a fee. The group went public in 1988 and con-tinued its expansion programme with the help of millions of pounds raised by substantial bank loans, the issue of debenture loan stock and

by rights issues. Eventually it had 55 properties, 3,000 hotel rooms and

employed 600 staff. Robert Feld was the driving force behind the business, said Mr Evans, "He was Resort

The lies and forgeties he allegedly told were in respect of a £20.6m rights issue in 1992. Shareholders were induced to part with £20.6m, Mr. Evans

The rights was the fourth in as many years. Including the issue of some debentures in 1991, the company raised in excess of £50m. The hearing was adjourned



Sir John Egan, chief executive of BAA (pictured, foreground, with Barry Gibson, retail director), expressed confidence yesterday that the airport operator would not be included in any Labour windfall tax on the privatised utilities. He said the company had received "no indication that it would be included". Pointing to the company's negative cashflow, he asked:

How can such a business afford to pay more when it is at an absolute maximum of negative cashflow?" Earlier reports had suggested that BAA might have to pay up to £500m under Labour's plans. Sir John

was speaking as BAA reported a 3.4 per cent increase in half-year pre-tax profits to £304m. Passenger traffic rose by 3.3 per cent in the period. Photograph: Philip Meech

## G10 woos emerging countries

Banking Correspondent

Central bankers from the leading industrial countries will meet regularly with their counterparts in emerging countries to increase co-operation and establish standards for banking supervision world-wide.

The decision was confirmed yesterday at a regular monthly meeting of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) of the Group of Ten (G10) central-bankers in Basie, Switzerland. It follows months of discussions about how to strengthen banking systems in emerging coun-tries following Mexico's financial crisis in late 1994. "It's an important move. We are reaching out to world-wide supervisors to get effective supervision." a source at the BIS

Earlier this year the BIS decided to extend membership to the central banks of nine countries: Brazil, China, Hong Kong, India, Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia and Singapore. The decision is part of a broader move by international institutions such as the International Monetary Fund and World Bank to give a greater say to the

world's new economic powers. Hans Tietmeyer, chairman of the G10 central bank governors' committee and president of the Bundesbank, said after the

ternational Monetary Fund (IMF) was interested in fostering co-operation between the Basle Committee on Banking Supervision and the representatives from emerging countries.
"I hope in the end they will

elaborate some guidelines for supervision. On one hand for the industrial countries and also for emerging countries," Mr Tietmeyer said. Recommendations by the

Basie Committee, made up of supervisors from the G10 and Luxembourg, tend to form standards for banking practice globally and the G10 hopes to make



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## Allied Domecq in shape to retain Cinderella rating

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and not indulge in a demerg-er took its mevitable toil. The market had been coovinced that struggling Allied, a long time underperformer, would split itself into two - retailing and spirits. But Sir Christopher, who divided Courtaulds into two-stand alooe companies, has, it seems, decided to stay with Allied's

sprawling mixture of interests. The drinks group is due to announce its results today. They will be poor. Unless there is a positive trading state-ment the shares are likely to

misfortune is something the market has learned to accommodate with the shares for long regarded as the Cinderella of

the drinks industry.

The market had an uncertain session, managing, oo the back of New York, to close with

pared to chance their arm. East Midlands Electricity achieved a 10p gain to 603.5p although the signalled strike from Dominioo Resources failed to materialise. CMS, another US group, still lurks and there is talk Dominion is trying to play a waiting game with its rumoured US rival.

Eurodisc Electronic, an electronic components distributor, fell to a new low, off 16p at 154p. Earlier this year

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a modest plus, up 3.6 points at 3,914.4. Turnover was again thin with few investors pre
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Gainness firmed 1.5p to 437p. Nat West Securities is and emerged as a 42 per ceot shareholder in the combined count to the market – a revergroup, Eurodisc. Elektrowatt sal of the rating of five years was seen - and managed to ago. The securities house think give the impression - it was a the price should be 10 per cent

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There was, however, no rush to huy and Elektrowatt, through UBS, had to resort to slightly more inhibited, gaining 12.5p to 137.5p.

cess for the army of Sids which alighted on the last big privatisatioo exercise of the preseot Government. Talk of huge property assets and intriguing plans to exploit these riches My Kinda Town, the restauhave helped drive the shares rants group, gained 20p to 187p as Capital Radio emerged as the bidder. The from a springtime 190p flota-

tion price. Bellway, the builder which raised £16m through a placing on Friday at 423.5p, held at 342.5p. Stockbroker Charterhouse Tilney has oudged this year's profit forecast higher to £37.5m and is shooting for

heady ferment, stretching to of the safest and most attrac-204.5p from its 160p placing, tive in the sector. Scottish Highland Hotels was Blue Circle industries

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Chesterfield, the property group gained 41.5p to 544p as Robert Maxted's property interests were reversed into the University was a sources, seeking precious gens, expects to move from Offer to AIM early next year. company and Mr Maxted emerged as chief executive. He is expected to sell Chester-field's London West End the-

Paramount, the pub chain, hovers at 6.5p. There is talk bovers at 6.5p. There is take.

Blue Circle industries of a cash call to help finance a takeover with the 50 per cent shareholding in its joint pub venture, Real Inns, a likely target. Nomura, the Japanese investment house, Sp to 40.5p with some specu- sits on 7.58 per cent and oth-

Stockbroker Teather & Greenwood like Flare, the ceponents group which fused on ramics group. Profits of Friday after another profit 23.1m are expected this year

> Ofex to AIM early next year. It has raised £200,000 through a placing with an unidentified investor. Tests at the company's Swedish site



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Chelsea Village, the football club, remained in the takeover the shares topped 300p with through UBS, had to resort to talk of a hid of around 360p a an institutional placing at 220p atres. Greycoat rose 5p to have confirmed the presence 154p as it resisted a bid from of diamond indicator head back towards the 422p tunnel, up 12p at 117.5p. Newshare. The group is the victim of a change of mind by Eleklow hit in August. £44m next year. to unload its shares. Since comer Majestic Wine, a drinks theo Eurodisc bas warned of warehouse chain, enjoyed a

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## Call it wacky, but sterling is on target for a classic market error

veryone knows that mar-kets make mistakes. You pound on UK monetary policy. can always see that after the inevitable correction and wonder how people could have fun, though, is judging when a mistake is taking place: having the courage to say that this or that market response must be

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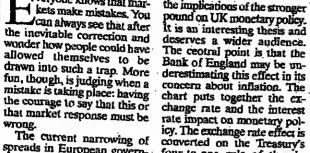
The current narrowing of spreads in European government bonds - with, for example, a rapid sudden fall in long-term Italian interest rates - is a good example of market error, as the Commentary Column in this section has the during the spring a lower ex-

swing of fashion that pushes a month before the rise in base currency, or a set of securities, to an extreme level, and which is subsequently unwound. Here is one current candidate, a market error that has not yet happened but which may well happen in the next few months.

It concerns sterling. It is now clear that the weakness of the pound over the last year was an error, but what about its current strength? And what about the coming sterling

You hadn't heard about the coming sterling boom, but it is an interesting potential phenomeoon for the next 18 months. There has been a change in tone in the perception of the pound in the last few weeks. Whereas it was generally to be assumed to be a chrooically weak curreocy a loog-term sell, eveo if in the short term profits could be made by holding it - now it was beginning to be seeo as an ordioary curreocy, oot par-ticularly strong, but not inherently weak. Kleinwort Bensoo Securities noted in a receot circular that it detected a change in the perception of its overseas customers: sterling was oo longer seen as a weak currency.

The same paper also noted



four-to-one rule of thumb, where a 4 per cent rise (or fall) in the exchange rate is deemed equal to a 1 per cent rise or fall in base rates.

You can see that whereas courage today to explain.

But most fun of all is spotthe market error that is

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change rate was reinforcing including the market error that is rates the exchange rate began seriously to tighten the mone-tary stance. The effect of that last quarter-point on hase rates is dwarfed by the rise in sterling which is equivalent to a one-and-a-half point rise in interest rates.

The Kleinwort Benson team goes on to argue that there are several reasons to believe that



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the pound's strength will con-tinue. These include the fact that it is undervalued against the mark; it may benefit further if the recovery of the oil price cootinues; and it may be boost-ed by EMU-related speculation (of which more in a moment). At any rate, the KB team

suggest rates of DM 2.55 and \$1.70 next year, and suggests that this will take place without the need for as sharp a rise the leeway against the "hard" European currencies if there is in base rates as markets expect: 6.5 per cent by end-1997 rather even an outside possibility of than an indicated market ex-

peciation of 7.25 per cent.
All very interesting, and I for one, find it very convincing. But let's go one stage further and look at the dynamics of this stronger sterling. Next year a will not happen, or if it does, the euro will be a chronically stronger pound will come at a weak currency.

Britain, for its part, will have time when the economy is growing fast, faster than any of the other European countries. a new government, with a new government of the new govern siderable political unrest, partto see any set of circumstances where the new government ly brought about by efforts to meet the Maastricht converwill be weaker than the present gence criteria. There may at one, and if it is a majority some stage in the oext 18 Labour government, there will months be an unravelling of the be great pressure to be seen to be "correct" on the currency whole Masstricht process, if for example, the elimination of froot. (Memories of the de-

the mark is rejected by the Ger-

markets' sub-conscious.) On balance, a Lahour government will be more coocerned to avoid a fall in the value of sterling than a Tory

valuation of 1967 and the IMF

rescue of 1976 linger in the

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ployment across the Conti-

It is not politically correct at

the present time to suggest that the plan will fall to pieces, but

it would be absurd to reject the

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But there is another, entirely

opposite possibility: that yields

will converge because it be-

comes clear that either EMU

popular mandate. It is difficult

At the moment, the main ar-

nent continues to climb.

possibility.

Put all this together and there is a the makings of a mar-ket error: pushing the pound up

If you said that to people nine months ago it would have seemed ridiculous. Now it sim-ple seems a bit whacky, probably wrong, but given the startling (and largely unpre-dicted) recovery in the pound. at least conceivable. But whacky ideas have a way of become accepted wisdom.

I think there is a serious danger that sterling will become too strong in a couple of years' time, not too weak. If that happens, remember where you

## RSA redefines work without its director

Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, better known as the RSA, is chaired by Pru Leith, the famous upmarket

What was certainly news to me is that Peter Cowling, the RSA's director for just over a year, has just resigned "to pursue other business opportunities".

James Sandisoo, the RSA's director of finance, has stopped into the breach as acting director. Sources close to the RSA's

John Adam Street offices, off the Strand in London, say the ousted Mr Cowling is in line for a £200,000 pay-off. Apparently the redoubtable Ms Leith and Mr Cowling did not gel too well.

A spokeswoman for the RSA insists the parting of the ways has been entirely amicable. As for any pay-off, she says: "I don't know about that."

The RSA has run a number of high-profile campaigns aimed at husiness, including last year's Tomorrow's Com-pany project. It will launch a oew campaign in the spring titled Redefining Work - but without Mr Cowling.

The Personal Investment Authority (PIA) has launched a leak inquiry into how a confidential paper relating to the mis-selling of pensions found its way into the hands of our very own Nic Cicutti.

You may recall that the paper revealed that the comnies involved were taking far longer to investigate their cases of mis-selling than origioally planned, and that the company with the most cases outstanding was the Pruden-

Leading the PIA's inquiry is Sir Brian Cubbon GCB, former Permaneot Secretary at the Home Office.

The PIA says: "In the first instance, Sir Brian Cubbon's report will be made to the chairman of the PIA, Joe Palmer, for his consideration. PEOPLE & BUSINESS



Sour taste: Pru Leith and Peter Cowling 'did not get on'

made available to the relcvant anthorities." Rumours that Mr Cicutti has been moved to a safe house in Palermo have not heen confirmed.

The Prudential stunned the City yesterday by poaching Nick Mustoe, a mere stripling aged 34, to head up UK cqui ties at Prudential Portfolio Managers, ooe of the world's biggest investment managers with more than £88bn under management.

Mr Mustoe has been prised away from PDFM, the successful pension fund specialists, where he has been responsible for a piddling £3.7bn for the past 11 years. At PPM, Mr Mustoe's piggy bank will hulge to £32bn.

City dealing rooms inter-pret this as the Pru's most aggressive attempt yet to shake off its fusty old image and promote young Turks.

At the BBC's gala dinner last week, celebrating 60 years of glorious television, the Granada table was right next to the Yorkshire Tyne Tees table.

Purely colocideotally, Granada is stalking YTT. Anyway, at a suitable pause during the festivities, Charles Allen, Granada's chief execu-tive, goes over to Ward Thomas, head of YTT, and

Sceing this, Granada's chairman. Gerry Robinson, leaps to his feet and does the same. Mr Robinson then leans down to the seated Mr Thomas and murmurs: "I really shouldn't be seen talking to you. Every time we're seen in public together your share price jumps up again."

More than 200 CBI delegates at the CBI conference in Harrogate had a special treat last night - fish 'n' chips opera. The "gala" supper in

Guiseley near Leeds was held at the original Harry Ramsden's fish and chip shop, the first of a large chain of shops. Singers from Opera North circulated the tables, serenad-

ing the lucky plutocrats.
The menu consisted of fish and chips, of course, "with generous helpings of mushy peas - if the delegates' constitutions were up to it." a spokesman said.

No week is complete without at least one good rumour about Tom Rubython, fouoder and editor of Sunday Business. The latest is that Mr Rubythoo is to run as an independent MP at the next geoeral election.
"Where would I find the

time?" guffawed our hero. But he does oot rule it out.

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Ask business travellers waiting in a crowded departure louage at Heathrow what has been the most irritating change in recent years, and many will mention the changes to eligibility rules for British Airways' Executive Club. The airline decided that frequent travellers who use cheaper tickets should no longer qualify for Silver and Gold levels, and so lose access to airport lounges; that's why many husiness travellers find themselves stuck with the crowds.

Yet rather than sitting and fuming in the shopping mall that passes for an airport lounge these days, there are solutions to the unwelcome new status of an unwelcome passenger. Airport lounges are opening up on a pay-per-visit basis, and at

London's main airports a nominal investment will buy you a little you are travel-ling on a charter flight.

such lounge is at the south terminal at Gatwick. Wedged between gates 12 and 14 is the Premier Lounge, operated by Air Navigation Services. For £10, including VAT, travellers can relax in a compact but comfortable lounge which has everything from fax facilities to a good view of the runway. It opens daily between 6am and

If full-farepaying passengers in the Servisair Lounges at Gatwick have noticed a few more customers than usual, it might be that they are holidaymakers heading for the sun. The Sovereign brochure from First Choice offers package tourists welcome respite in the lounge for a fee of around £12. Since check-in times for charter flights are typically two hours ahead of departure, there is plenty of Heathrow Business Centre: time to enjoy the free facilities. 0181-759 2434.

The idea seems to be working, judging by the way the scheme has been extended to cover many more airports at home and abroad. Pressure on space at

Heathrow means the budget business traveller's task at Britain's busiest airport is tougher. Best advice for passengers is to arrive and depart by air, thus making use of the "Comfort and Care" level at Heathrow's giant new Flight Connections Centre. It has an inner sanctum - the Rest and Relaxation area – and is operated by Thomas Cook. For a nominal sum, you can shower, snooze or study in calm.

For Heathrow-originating passengers, Thomas Cook also operates a business centre in the Queen's Build-

numbers that tell of economic

health to balance sheets.

This is why almost every

index of business travel costs is

rising. Eurostar trains from

London Waterloo to Paris and

Brussels have put 30 per cent on

first class fares since the service

was launched two years ago. A squeeze on quality hotel beds

means, according to Hogg Robinson BTI, that rates have

recovered to peak 1980s levels;

£50 is now a figure to be scoffed

at, rather than a sum that a

proficient agent could negotiate

down to for a single hotel room-

The American Express index

of air fares shows the cost of

business class flights increasing

significantly in the third quarter

ing. For an annual corpo-'A nominal rate fee of £495 investment will you can qualify buy you a little for reduced price facilities at the centre, quiet solitude before the flight' plus use of a lounge. This could be good

One particularly accessible news for travellers using terminals one and two, because the centre is placed neatly between them (though inconveniently "landside" rather than after security and passport control). The economy class passenger who finds him or herself flying

on Swissair will look forward to the transfer at Zurich, too. The Swiss carrier invites economy passengers to visit the airport ounge for a "nominal" sum (though given the strength of the local currency, this could still dent your wallet). It is to be hoped that more airlines will acknowledge that business travellers use economy tickets, too, and appreciate the peace, and productive potential that only an executive lounge can offer.

Premier Lounge, Gatwick: 01293 568306.

# Tips on how to Lounge A week ago. British Airwaya had a Bad Air Day across the Allantic. Not the baggage Simon Calder explains why increased competition is good news for the customer

A week ago, British Airways had a Bad Air Day across the Atlantic. Not the baggage handling dispute that left at least 4,000 items of luggage at Heathrow Terminal 4 rather



flight - anything you gain from Business travellers are nowadays used to being pampered in opplient surroundings such as those at Abu Dhabi Airport the economy cabin provides pure profit. The wounds caused

Photograph: Emma Boam

of 1996 - an inevitable phenomby the Gulf War have finally enon as airlines seek to carrihealed, and husiness travel talise on higher demand to suppliers are looking eagerly at compensate for a succession of the executive to restore full dismal years.

Yet suppliers are not getting away with simply racking up prices. In an intensely competitive market, any serious enterprise has to offer value-formoney. This may be represented by a genuinely 24-hour service from a business travel agent in return for a negotiated contract fee. Or it could be provided by a hotel room that is properly equipped to meet the demands of an executive who does not possess a degree in electronic engineering and a soldering iron - but does need to contact head office digitally.

Anyone caught in the commercial uncertainties of the late 1990s hesitates to quote

never had it so good". Yet as far serious moves for meeting the as the husiness traveller is concerned, there is a substantial amount of truth in the saying. As the round of improvements in intercontinental air travel draws to a close, executives are stretching their legs to take advantage of the 50-60 inches of seat pitch that have become the norm in business class, before waking up with a bot shower in the arrival lounge and then heading for the free limousine transfer.

Now the battle has begun on short-haul routes. A dozen European airlines are busily expanding comfort and reducing hassle for premium passengers on short bops - not east because increasingly many city pairs have an alternative high-speed rail link. Under Richard Branson's sphere of influence, Eurostar is making

business traveller's needs rather than merely waiting for customers to show up. But the news last week that overnight services from provincial cities to the Continent have been postponed for yet another year gives the airlines another chance to create a winning route network from airports outside London.

There is no significant evidence so far that executives in Exeter or Edinburgh are. taking advantage of telecommuting to avoid travelling alto-gether. Indeed, information technology seems to have more. of a role as a tool of the trav-- enabling easy contact with base - than as a reason to stay home. Leading business travel agencies say they predicted this all along, and point to the example of the tele-

phone. When this instrument of communication was invented, it actually stimulated travel.

Some comfort, then, for travel agents under pressure from suppliers wanting to cut commissions and clients who want to book direct and make the most of electronic distribution system. No-one expects the next few years to be easy for gents, but the winners are likely to be those who turn these threats into opportunities - negotiating "management fee" arrangements that make commission levels irrelevant; and putting customers on-line to a database of deals that reflect the agent's buying

niscle. If the business travel industry can perceive a dark cloud, it is probably the one hovering over Luton. As thousands of execu-

the no-fuss, no-frills service offered by Easylet can actually make journeys smoother as well as cheaper. While company accountants are smirking at the savings on flights to Amsterdam or Barcelona, the traveller is finding that ticketless travel reduces one element of stress from a journey - and that being able to park a car about 100 yards from the aircraft is a benefit worth at least as much as an executive lounge or a handful of Air Miles.

The remainder of the Millen nium will see a still more fierce battle for the hearts, minds and frequent flyer loyalties of travelling-executives. And as experiences the travel industry over the past few years has shown-the winner will be the business traveller - so long as he or she can find room at the.

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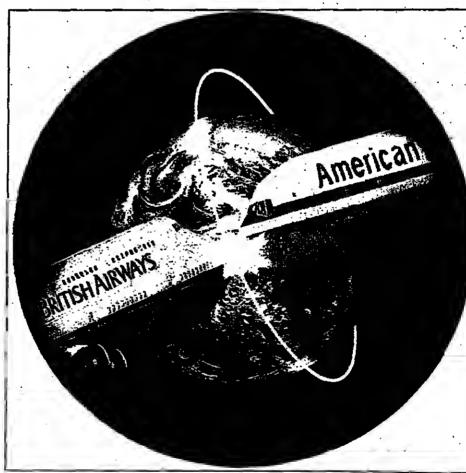
# Merger will not stifle competition

What would a BA/AA tie-up mean for New York travellers? **Richard Quest** reports

This week British Airways begins a new offer on the East Breaks to Britain for just \$289. At prevailing exchange rates that is around £176. A first class sleeper return to Glasgow on British Rail costs £226. Why is BA offering such generosity? Because it is in hot competition for business across the Atlantic, and the principal competitor is American Airlines. Ask your travel agent to book you from London to New York and you will probably end up on aircraft of one or the other. End up, because out of an average 23 daily flights between the cities six airports 13 are run by British Airways or American.

Both in the morning and at night, between them they depart half an hour apart. In compedtion with each other they have effectively built a transatlantic Shuttle service. In terms of westbound traffic from London. it means throughout the working day there's always one or other ready to leave. And that does not include the others on the route: a collection of airlines who have to resort on more than frequency to attract custom.

Virgin relies on service and gimmicks like seat back video as, limousines for Upper Class and a generous frequent flier programme. United Airlines and Continental concentrate on the bulk of US customers and those flying onto other destinations using New York.



When worlds collide: The British Airways and American Airlines merger is not unfettered

El Al use London as a stop over and fill empty seats by deeply discounting tickets in the London bucket shops.

None of the other carriers has devoted the same resources as BA or American to London -New York, to create the same . critical mass. So the legitimate question is; if they team up what happens to the herce competi-tion? Which is why the Global

Air India, Kuwait Airways and Alliance needs the utmost opening up LHR will require a scrutiny. An unfettered merger would

clearly be a traveller's night-mare. Luckily that is not what instead is Open Skies. Heathrow, the airport preferred by 80 per cent of customers. would be opened up to all comers. Slots could be bought and sold. All and sundry could new BA - Behemoth Airlines. fly from Britain to America. But American Airlines is a master

great deal of care. You do not sweep away decades of Treaty regulation overnight - not if you want to create true competition. For the authorities in Washington, London and Brussels now looking at the Alliance the trick is to ensure true competition is not stifled by the creation of a

at running extra 767 flights to mop up any demand and cream off other business. So any restrictions probably involve slot confiscation at Heathrow for BA - another hotly contested issue, but one that is probably the price the airline 🕊: will have to pay to tie up with American.

As the new market opens up encouraging nascent competition will be paramount. It will be the equivalent of holding the tiger by the tail while the prey grows up. Already Continental has filed to fly six times a day to Heathrow. Virgin waits with its wings. The answer seems to be grant these requests and give BA/AA Alliance real heavy weight competition. Novobscure flights, like El Al's narrow bodied 757 from Stansted to Newark every Friday. No dusi-ness traveller would willingly choose that . Instead, the executive spould

hope that more carriers are encouraged to cross the Assatic to Heathrow, pick up passen-gers, and fly them to ford country destinations (another body contested issue). Figure the Atlantic promises to become more important not less. If BA wishes to team up with American and believes that is necessary to compete in global markets then the price must be high because of the enormous resources that American brings

For regular Transatiantic travellers the prospect of the worlds giant airline alliances doing battle for business is glorious. The hope is that in the end, flying from London to New York will always be as cheap as going to Glasgow.

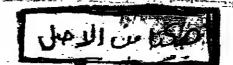
Richard Quest is BBC Correspondent in New York who 30 times a year.

It's not just stocks and shares that go up and down in The City.



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## BUSINESS TRAVEL



On the waterfront: City Airport in London's Docklands

## Docklands no longer badlands London City is leading the battle against the major airports to secure the custom of the

Amsterdam and Rotterdam.

How many times have you been in the position I found myself last Monday: touching down 30 minutes late at Heathrow because of air traffic control coogestion, theo waiting a further half-honr for the haggage to catch np? The contrast with my journey yesterday was marked: I arrived in London on time, and within 20 minutes was in the office.

The secret, as you may well have guessed, is that I flew into London City airport. Since the Docklands airport opened a decade ago, no-one has denied its convenience. But only this year has it acquired the momentum of a ronte network necessary to sustain itself and ease the burden of the business

When London City first opened, you could travel to just two destinations in one kind of aircraft. Paris and Amsterdam were on offer, using Dash-7 propeller aircraft. Even the best inflight service could not disguise the fact that these were small, slow and noisy. New routes came and went, but London City proved a financial drain on the resources of its

The turning point took place one Sunday morning in the summer of 1988, when a wellexecuted air show demonstrated that jet aircraft could use the Photograph: Geraint Lewis Docklands airport without deafcommercial wayfarer. Simon Calder reports

ening local residents. Soon
British Aerospace 146s were
flying from London City,
boosting speed, comfort and
to Edinburgh in competition
with Air UK. The smaller operator felt the route was unable
to sustain such intense compeappeal to business travellers.
Yet still the balance sheet
remained stained deeply red. To

appeal to business travellers, an airport needs both length and breadth: a long list of possible destinations, and a wide range of departures to each. Only this year has the critical mass finally been attained. . Two main forces have been at

work, both of them resulting from developments at London's hig two airports. The first is increasing congestion at Heathrow, which has led smaller niche airlines to see opportu-nices at an airport only half the distance from the Bank Of England compared with Heathrow. Accordingly, the Belgiao carrier VLM and CityJet (now divorced from Virgin Atlantic) have forged links to Antwerp, Rotterdam, Dusseldorf and Dublin.

The other impact has come from British Airways, which has yet to offer any services from London City. BA has, however, introduced flights from Gatwick

from Luton airport. But now you can also reach Scotland's three largest cities and a range to sustain such intense compeof European capitals from tition, so moved its Edinburgh Copenhagen to Madrid. When EasyJet began flying from Luton to Glasgow and flights to London City. Having established a hase, Air UK has also introduced services to

Edinburgh a year ago, everyone

thought that its £29 (plus £5 tax)

complementing those from its Stansted HQ. Suddenly London fares would appeal strictly to leisure travellers. The inflight service can most politely be City has become significant in compared with London's The journey is still not entirely smooth: World Airlines, commuter trains, but with fares undercutting the competition so fiercely about one in three of its which started up its only route from City to Amsterdam, has withdrawn the service. And my passengers are husiness travellers. Another reason could be own subjective, survey of the sbuttle buses linking the Dockthe supreme ease of ticketless travel that the airline pioneered lands airport with Canary Wharf in the UK - once you've tried and Liverpool Street station reveals most still running mostly it, you become a convert, which could be why BA has picked up empty. But once the Juhilee on the concept for domestic Line extension provides better transportation to the east of As the EasyJet network has

London, City airport can expect to mature still further. expanded to Amsterdam, Barcelona and Nice, a new It could face competition competitor has emerged. Lutonbased Debonair aims squarely for the husiness traveller, on a from an unexpected source, though. The most mocked airport in Britain is suddenly a route network that extends serious contender in aviation. from Newcastle 10 Rome, It You can still, like Lorraine offers high-quality inflight service using BAe 146 equip-Chase, be wafted to paradise

ment, and is chasing intra-European business too. At last, Luton is being taken seriously as a scheduled airport.

The third contender has some catching up to do, but is set to double its route network in January. To find Biggin Hill International Airport amid the International Airport amid the leafy downland southeast of London, just look out for Keston Cattery; the airfield is next on the left. Nearby, too, is the M25, which means Biggin Hill has quite a sizeable catch-ment area. Furthermore, it boasts a door-to-plane distance of just 20 yards, with a possible stop for beans on toast at the cafe. All Biggin Hill needs now is some scheduled routes.

The only service at present links the Kent airport with Le Touquet, and is mostly filled with canoodling couples: the airline is called Love Air. But from next year. Bright Air plans three daily flights between Biggin Hill and Rotterdam. offering a premium business class product - leather seats and all - on 12-passenger Bandeirante aircraft. The airport may wish to acquire a new slogan: "The future's Bright - the future's Biggin Hill".

Biggin Hill airport: 01959 571111 London City airport: 0171-474 Luton airport; 01582-405100

# Nightmare of getting to do an 'e'

Hotel room: somewhere to sleep? Think again. Think temporary workstation. Sue Wheat reports

might want to go surfing or you may want to do an 'e'. An e-mail that is. But finding out whether loday's world of purpose-built ss ceotre:

racts

As the technological age moves in hotel business centres it seems, are moving out. Like gyms and other "extra" facilities, many executives insist on them when booking but are more likely to end up working in their

"The 'ideal' room," says Mike Platt, Director of Commercial Affairs at Hogg Robinson Business Travel International, "has a good desk, a facility for your PC, a fax machine, an e-mail veterans, is to put a comma after the outside line digit, but before good lighting, you know how the access number. You should most rooms have such low also look on-line for the local lighting you can hardly find

office facilities, electronic or up having to make an internaotherwise, is

"patchy" at the moment, says Mr Platt, who gives hotels in the US and Far eight out of 10 for their perfor-mance and in the UK a mere

five out of 10. So, what if to somewhere more unusual than New York

City or Tokyo - how are you ennium Broadway Hotel can catered for? "With great diffi-link you up with colleagues at

finding out for yourself what call charges), which have a husiness facilities even the video conferencing facility on luxury hotels have can be tricky,

international reservations led to a series of telephone calls in the UK though. In the around Hilton's many depart-middle and low range hotels, we ments - Conference and Business, Head Office, Marketing, the States. Holiday Inn., for and someone's voice mail. I gave

Getting a specialised business travel agent to find out was a micadons facilities for around more fruitful and less time f100 in the UK, but don't have consuming method. Faced with the challenge of finding me a four star 'Full Service' husiness hotel in Bristol, Boston, Bulgaria and Botswana to suit a workaholic business traveller's needs, Hogg Robinson found me hotels with husiness centres and in-room commnnications facilities in three of the destinations - Bristol, Boston, communication from the hotel

On your oext business trip, you ities, including the Hilton, Intermight want to go suring, or you Cootmental, Hyatt and Swissotel," says Jean Hopkins, Gray Dawes Travel's Hotels Diviyou will be able to communicate sion Manager. "A good example electronically from your hotel of a husiness tailored room is can be a real challenge, even in the provisioo of a unique fax number on check-in that will not be used (at least for a long time) after you check out, thus ensuring that oo important faxes go astray.

But if you do find your perfect. room-cum-office, sending an e-mail can also be more difficult than it sounds. It's easy enough to plug your lap-top into the room's telephone line, but how does your computer's automatic dial get through the switchboard?

One secret, say globetrotting access number of your server in your way around let alone get the destination you'll be going any work done." to before you leave - if you wait
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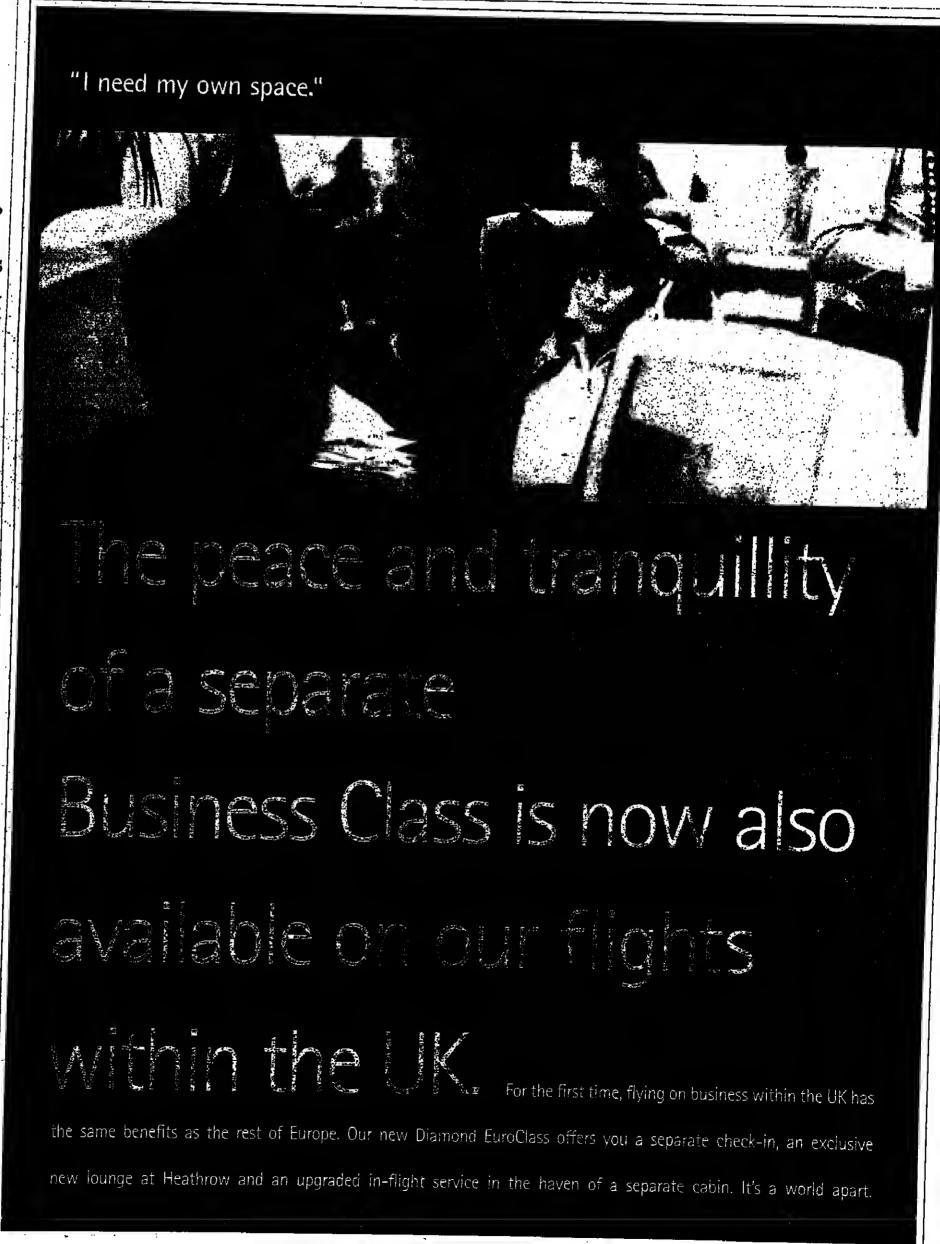
'The ideal room For those has a good desk, a facility for your PC, a fax machine, an e-mail line and lie in video a phone line'

who still have a preference for holding faceto-face meetings - rather than communicatiog over cyberspace conferencing.
If you are staying in New York, the Mill-

culty," is Mr Platt'a reply, "you the office — as long as they've got have to be more innovative— take your lap-top and a power they can "meet" with you via converter with you and one of the UK's six major Cop-persuade a local, friendly busi-thorne Hotels in London, Birmress colleague to let you use ingham, Manchester or their office facilities." Glasgow £500 for a day's hotel-lif this is not possible, then trial for six months.

Such state-of-the-art comm-Posing the question to Hilton unications are definitely the exception rather than the rule instance, have five-star Crowne Plaza hotels with business centres and in-room commu-£100 in the UK, but don't have many of the equivalent of the hotels that can be found all over the States

So when travelling at home perhaps it's easier to go back to less hi-tech work methods. The Forte Post House in Bristol informed me that electronic and Bulgaria. Botswana was the wasn't really possible, but I only place where logging on could have a study-bedroom for £79 a night with someone on call Most international hotel to type and send my faxes.



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## **Seles has** no answer to Hingis

Tennis

Martina Hingis, the 16-year-old Swiss girl, gave Monica Seles her greatest defeat as a professinnal with a shocking 6-2, 6-0 triumph on Sunday in the Bank Oakland, California.

Hiogis needed only 52 minutes at the Henry J Kaiser Arena to claim victory in her first meeting with the joint world No 2 and top seed in the tournament. The third-seeded Hingis broke Seles's serve in every game except one, and dropped her own serve just nnce. She committed only five 30 winners compared to Seles's

ter answers for every shot t

It was the first time Seles had lost a set to love since a 6-3, 6-0 hiding from Martina Navratilo-Washington, and only the fourth

wheo I first started feeling it," Seles said. "She's so smart, She has all the angles covered." Hingis conceded she had played nearly flawless tennis against her one-time idol. Seles is the ninth top-10 player Hingis

"I played such a perfect match today, it was unbeliev-able," said Hingis, who recalled the first time she had encountered Seles.

"It was a long time ago when I met her at Zurich. I was like nine or 10 years old. She went of the West Classic final in offin a helicopter and gave me an autograph. So today was a little too much for me.

> The victory enabled Hingis to exceed the goals she had set for herself in 1996. "This year my hope was in win one of the big tournaments, and now I've won two," she said. "And to play Monica for the first time and win... Wow!"

It was a win even a mother unforced errors and smacked could be proud of. "We thought we'd see Manica try to overpower her, hut she was a little "Martina played some great tennis." Seles said. "She blew me away inday. There was not much I could dn. She had bet- proud of the way Martina played. It is quite a moment for

Hingis will rise to No 6 in the rankings after this performance. There's no doubt she's going va at the 1990 Virginia Slims of to be a force in women's tennis." Scles. the Australian Open "I kind of knew it was good at 3-0 in the second set. That's

ter and stronger – that's the SCATV part."

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## **Chief Hill sends Green Bay packing**

American football MATT TENCH

The edges were further blurred on a campaign already notably lacking in certainties on Sunday wheo five divisional leaders

were heaten, and the likely par-

ticipants in this season's Super

Bowl became just that little bit more difficult to predict. Perhaps the biggest surprise came in Arrowhead Stadium where the visiting Green Bay Packers pitted their league-leading defense against a Kansas City offense that has been much doubted in recent weeks. The Chiefs took a grip on the game early, notching 17 second-quarter points, and won more comfortably than the 27-20 scoreline suggests. Greg Hill had touchdown runs of eight and 24 yards and hauled in a 34-yard pass for

another score as the home side amassed 383 yards.
It was only the Pack's second defeat of the season, but any encouragement it may have offered the other pretenders in the NFC was nffset by the fact that most of them lost as well. Philadelphia, fresh from a thrilling win in Dallas, were beateo by Buffalo, who sacked Ty Detmer five times. If defeat to the Bills was understandable - Mary Levy's team are the most resilient in the league - the one suffered by Washington will take a lot more explaining.

They gave up 552 yards to the ageing arm of Arizona's Boomer Esiason, a quarterback whose prime was not so much in another year as another decade. The Cardinals prevailed 37-34, with Kevin Butler's winning 32yard field goal coming 33 seconds from the end of overtime.

The demise of the Skins and Eagles allowed the Dallas Cowboys to move within a game of them at the top of the NFC East following their victory in San Francisco. A game that lived up to expectations ended with

Steve Young concussed ooce again, but perhaps feeling a little better about his long-term future in the Bay Area. Young had guided his team to a 10-0 lead by the end of the first quarter, but two vicious hits by Broderick Thomas saw him replaced by Elvis Grbac and al-

most immediately the 49ers

lost their offensive momentum.

The Cowboys clawed their way

back, but wheo Troy Aikman

was intercepted with a few min-utes left it seemed the home side had done ennugh. Oo the next play, though, Grbac compounded an already unconvincing display by giving the ball straight back to the Cowboys with a disastrous pass over the middle to Fred Strickland. Aikman made the most of

masterminding the gamewinning drive in overtime which culminated with Chris Boniol's

29-yard field goal.
With Grbac's contract expiring at the end of this season there has been speculation that he may succeed Young sooner rather than later-speculation that the 49ers have done little to douse. Grbac's performance against Dallas may remind the powers that be that Grbac may be nine years younger than Young, but he is a long way from being his equal. In the AFC, the principal sur-

prise was the defeat of the Pittsburgh Steelers by a Cincinnati team that has woo all three of its games since Bruce Coslet succeeded Dave Shula as head coach. The Steelers remain strong conteoders for the AFC Championship, but will surely have to beat Denver to win the title. The Broncos bucked the trend on a weekend of surprises, their win in Chicago giving them the best record in the the opportunity, throwing for an league.

## Henman and Rusedski lift British stock

British meo's tennis reached its but at that time Honman had highest point for nearly 18 years only just broken into the top yesterday with Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski both ranked in the world's top 50 in the latest ATP list.

Not since December 1978, when Buster Mottram was ranked 28 and John Lloyd 37. has Britain had two men ranked in the top 50 at the same time. Earlier this year Rusedski

100. Then, as Henman, a quarter-finalist at Wimbledon and in the last 16 at the US Open this summer, rocketed up the rankings to 25, Rusedski's form

slumped as he slipped to 84. However, since that low point, Rusedski has heen a semi-finalist in Singapore, won the Peking Open and was a quarter-finalist reached a ranking high of 33. in the Stockholm Open. Ironi-

cally, Henman's receot form has been poor as he has been beaten in the first round in his last three tournaments: in Paris, Stuttgart and Moscow.

Henman is now at 27, while Rusedski, who was ranked 53 last week, has moved up to 48. Britain's top two will take time off from chasiog ranking points when they compete in the National Championships, which begin at Telford today.

The former British No 1, Je- new post oo 1 January, will overremy Bates, is to take over from David Felgate as the man-ment of Britain's senior players ager of men's national training at the Lawn Tennis Association. Bates, who was Britain's lead-

ing player for nearly a decade, retired from active play after Wimbledon this year. He said: "I have been involved with British tennis for so loog and I still wanted to be involved." Bates, who will take up his

and will also be responsible for the appointment and management of coaches. He will also play on the seniors tour.

Felgate is to work almost fulltime with Henman on the ATP Tour from January, but he will also be available to the LTA in assisting coaches with the development of juniors.

### Hampstead's cup challenge

Hockey

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Hampstead and Westminster, and Ipswich, who had impressive League and Cup wins at the weekend, meet in the fourth round of the HA Cup following yesterday's draw. On Saturday, Hampstead maintained pole position in the Nastro Azzurro South Premier with a 4-0 win at Bournemouth, thanks to a couple of goals from Mark Crowley,

and theo knocked Jersey out of hridge City and Anchorians the Cup with a convincing 5-1 win

- Crowley again scoring twice,
Ipswich, from the Adnams

East Premier, heat Cambridge University 3-1 in the league, Andy Cook collecting the goals. and then, in the Cup, defeated National League side Bromley 5-0 with Cook and Andy Berresford each scoring twice. In the only other fixture between oon-National League sides Chelmsford visit Weston-super-Mare. Non-league giantkillers Cam-

face difficult ties. Cambridge travel to Premier Guildford, Anchorians entertain current First Division leaders, Beestnn, The Cup holders, Reading, have a home draw against Firehrands where their goalkeeper Simon Mason and leading striker Mark Pearn will be facing their old club: In the only Premier League meeting, past Cup winners Southgate and East Grinstead meet in north Loodon.

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Name the former cornerback for both the Atlanta Falcons and San Francisco 49ers who also played baseball for the Cincinnati Reds?

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2.00: 1 LBFBBUOY (T Reof) 2-1; 2. Baber 7-2 fox; 3. Lamp in The Dark 4-1, 10 ran, 9, 3". U Turnet, Yorki, Toble, £10.30; £2.00, £1.80, £1.70. DF: £37.60. CSF; £36.94 Theast £123.82 Too: £167.00. Non Rurrer: Broadwares Boy.
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£49,80, CSF: £46,81. Trusts: £140,89, Trust £57,60.

1.20: 1. SALTY BEHAVIOUR (Dane O'Neil) 9-2: 2. Sous. Lo Nez 9-2: 3. Key Large 4-1. 8 ran. 7-2 fay E-Mail [4th], hd. 5. (R Hahron, East Everleigh), Tobac £4,90; £1,50, £1,90, £2,20, DF: 29,50, CSF: £23,89, 1.50: 1. ARANTXA (M Ferant) 7-2; 2. Mr Paradise 2-1 fav. 3. Always Allight 25-1. 9 ran. 4; 2-1. (M Bell, Normarket), Tota: £3,80; £1,10, £1,70, £3,70, DF: £9,40, CSF: £11,18, Trust; £2,50, 2,20: 1. JUST NICK U Redd) 4-5 fav. 2. Khairan Nisaa 33-1; 3. Roffey Spitsay 6-1. 6 ran. ni. 1%, NV Mur. Lombourd. Tota: £1,70: £1,00, £8,60, £4,90, DF: £14,80, CSF: £51,12.

2.50: 1. NO MORE HASSLE (D Wingts) 3-1 fav. 2. Ginica 7-2; 3. Aydigo 20-1, 11 ran. ni. 9. (Mrs. M Reveloy, Safitarri), Tota: £2,90; £1,10, £1,10, £8,20, DF: £7,00, CSF: £13,14. Trusts: £158,02, Ton: £68,70, NR Rose Of Glern.

3.20: 1. LUCY TUFFY IF Notron 5-1; 2. Notthing Doing 9-2 pt. £14, 3, Zaset 20-1; 4.

Northing Doing 9-2 if try, 3, Zent 5-1; 2. Northing Doing 9-2 if try, 3, Zent 20-1; 4. El Bardador 12-1. 19 ran. 9-2 if fav Petroskin. 1, 7. II Pearte, Negermaner. Tota: £8.20; £1.50, £1.90, £6.60, £2.11. DF: £19.70, CSF: £30.31. Tricast: £410.24. Tric: £155.00.

3.50: 1.TONE(A (D Hamson) 20-1; 2. Com-lass Pointer 10-1; 3. Siege Persons 3-1

far, 4. Fallry Knight 6-1. 17 ran. 1½, 2 IP Makim, Ogbourne Mosseyt. Totes: £39.70; £7.80, £2.90, £1.30, £2.00. DF; £345.20. CSF: £229.23. Trobast: £734.38. Trop. £482.70. Non Runner: Almutazam. After a statestofs: inculsy, the result stood. Placepot: £32.80. Quadpot: £8.70. Place 6: £29.68. Place 5: £16.51.

LINGFIELD 12.40: 1. LEIGH CROFTER (I Wessen 14-1: 2. Best of All 3-1; 2. Statistician 10-1. 12 ran. 11-4 fav Astarts Rocket, Ind. 11/4, IP Cundelh. Totae. £13.40: £4.30. £1.50. £2.20. DF: £26.70. CSF: £56.79. Trio:

£158.80. 1.10: 1. SHAHIK (1. Cremotio 5-1; 2. Mes-ter Wilfrield 3-1 fav; 2. Theetre Megic 10-1.13 mm. 1, 7. (D Haydr. Jones). Toke: £5.10. £2.70. £1.10. £2.40. DF: £12.70. CSF: £21.64. Trotast: £142.38. Trot: £48.30. 1.40: 1. HELLO DOLLY (R Firench) 12-1: 2. Sixchon Sovereigs 12-1; 3, Groenwich Fore 16-1, 11 mm, 11-4 kw Ben's Rodge, 1/4, sht-Nd, tri Burkel, Tober, 24, 30; 24, 20; 23,00, 25,60, 07; 643, 10, CSF, 214,168, Tricas; 52,185,56, Tric: £124,40, Non Run-

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2. Agent 5-2 Ser; 3. School Boy 6-1. 13 cm.

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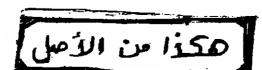
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112.50.
2.40: 1. SIS GARDEN (R Firenchi 7-1; 2. Effect thope 10-1; 3. Dragonjoy 5-1 ob fav. 12 ran. 5-1 ob fav. Komucky (4th), Miss Pickpocket & Voodoo Rocket. 1, 6, 1/ Cultinari, Tote: £10.40: £2.20, £2.20, £1.20. DF: £97.70, CSF: £67.33, Tro: £51.70.

3.40: 1. ROBBC GRIL (P Fessey) 8-11 lav; 2. Lighthing Bott 10-1: 3. Primoses of Hearts 3-1. 11 ran. 14. rk. () Berryl. Teter: 22.05; £1.20, £2.30, £1.20, DF: £11.70, CSF: £11.15. Inv: £10.80, NR: Beveled Mit. 4.10: 1. HRLL FARM DANGER (P Multen) 11-4 fax: 2. Sharp Command 5-1: 3. Starts Approved 4-1. £2 ran. 5. %. (W Brs-bourrel. Tote: £4.30; £1.10, £3.50, £3.30, DF: £15.00, CSF: £19.27, Tricost: £53.82. Tric: £84.20, Jackpot: not won (pool of £10,799.43 car-ned forward to Lingfield today). red toward to Lingleid today).
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# Dubai team bolt in from the blue

day when Tonka was successful in Folkestone's finale under blackening skies. Annther colour, blue, has dominated the main body of the cam-

paign, however.
It probably displeases the old boy network purists that the electric colours of Gndolphin Racing have been in evidence at racing's great moments this year. The damn interlopers have come from a warm winter nestling in the Arabian gulf to knock our boys into touch. The quintessential gentleman train-er. Henry Cecil, was usurped at the last in the championship by some cad whn used to be a policeman in dusty Dubai.

Saeed Bin Suroor, and the plump entourage that forms a gaggle wherever he goes, were, of course, blessed with animals of no little talent at the season's outset. The statistics show, however, that these horses were not just vehicles benefiting from a nace, allowed Britain to take sunny start to their year, they ran consistently throughout the whole season. Godolphin have won £3m in prize money this year, eight Group Ones, including prizes in Hong Kong and Japan, and their domestic record shows a £70 profit to a £1 level stake. They are quite pleased by this.

We've had a 30 per cent strike-rate and 50 per cent of runners finishing either first or second and that pays testimony to the team," Simon Crisford, the Godolphin racing manager.

1.10 Cyphratis

2.40 Call Me Albi

GOING: Good to Firm.

1.40 Fenwick 2.10 Burlington Sam

The turf season of 1996 was bulled into its terminus vestermoments from the 1996 Flat season

said. We've had a great season this year and Saeed has been well supported in his jnb, particularly by Tom Albertram [the former assistant to Cigar's trainer. Bill Mott], who has been an invaluable asset to the team. Let's hope Father Christmas brings us some good horses for next year."

The vital passage for Team Godolphin came when Medaaly won the Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster. Few of the boys in blue were there to witness the occasion thrugh. The chief players, including the man on the highest cushion, Sheikh Mnhammed, listened to the race by way of telephone commentary in the Four Seasons Hotel in downtown Toronto while attending the Breeders'

Cup series.
The North Americans, for something home from their annual jamboree, and for those who like to think of life as one great big Mills & Boon story, it was pleasantly reassuring that the rider of our winner, Pil-sudski should be Walter Robert Juhn Swinburn. Just nime months earlier Swinburn had been covered not in glory, but ventilation pipes and operating lights following a racing accident in Hong Kong that came unpleasantly close to taking his life,

For Willie Carson, too, the

memories of the year will in-

3.10 Darakshan 3.40 Fether Sky

Bight-hand course. Chase course has sharper bends than hurdles course.

■ Course is north-west of fown off A49. Ladiow station (Hereford - Surewshay line) 2m.

ADMISSION: Club 5.14 (accompanied under-16s free); Tauscoulis 5.9 (QAFs receive £2 refreshment woncher); Course 55. GAE PARE: Free.

ELADING TRANSES WITH EUNINEES: E Balley — 17 winners from 60 runners gives a success ratio of 23.3% and a profit to a 5.1 level stake of 5.11.74; M Pipe — 17 winners, 67 runners, 25.4%, +55.B1; Mise B Suight — 9 winners, 68 runners, 13.2%, -53.0.8; E Hodges — 7 winners, 38 runners, 18.4%, -64.27.

MLEADING JOCKETS: B Desiroody — 30 winners, 65 left, 51.7%, +522.28; A Magnire — 16 winners, 89 rides, 18%, -532.27; N Williamson — 11 winners, 62 rides, 17.7%, -510.73; A P McCoy — 10 winners, 43 rides, 25.3%, -32.67.

SLINEED PREST TIMES SIT PROSENCE (20); Father 5ky (3.40).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: None, LONG-DESTANCE EUNINEES: Lord Of The West (3.40) has been sent 195 miles by J J O'Neil from Siction Wood End, Cambria.

1.10 NORTON MAIDEN HUNDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 5f

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PORCHELO, placed in both his NH Flet races lest term and runner-up behind Arebranch at
Stratford in September on his hurding bow, is a dodgy proposition but can be given one lest
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ago and as bound to progress for the september at the Feetiben scored are three to the on
his harding debut at Cheltenham a fortright ago but, provided his considence harn't been
undermined, the seven-year-old should take care of the others.

Selection: DACSLO

1.40 HUGH SUMMER HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) £4,500 added

110yds Penalty Value £2,332

4 CYMPRATS (16) Ms.) Pernen 5 11 5...
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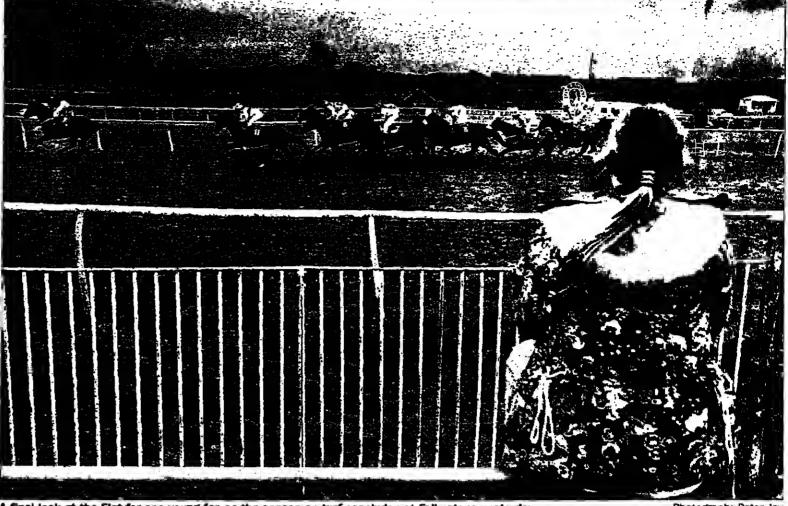
4.10 Foroffvetwohundred

clude bruising episndes. A crevice appeared in the Scot's liver when he was kicked by Meshhed in the Newbury paddock, but Willie is not about to let anything as trivial as a neardeath experience force him out of the saddle. He will be back, pumping, when the stalk open

at Doncaster next spring.
The jockey sitting on the tallest pile of winning figures at the end of the season is Pat Eddery, whose achievement in collecting an 11th championship to equal Lester rig-gott's record would normally have had the sirens blaring throughout the sport. This draining and enduring feat was surpassed in most penple's minds by the happenings of a single autumn day in Berkshire, however.

On 28 September Frankie Dettori started riding winners at Ascot and never stopped, collecting seven straight victories and a permanent place in rac-ing's history. In a game suffering from serious financial malnutrition, the Italian contimes to prove he is the sole figure with the capacity to attract new faces, and new money, to the sport.
Good horses also attract in-

terest to the turf, and winter will not seem as long with the knowledge that the brilliam Bosra Sham, winner of the 1,000



A final look at the Flat for one young fan as the season on turf concludes at Folkestone yesterday

will attempt to show how good she is without the impediment of hoof problems in 1997. What is desperately needed, though, is for a colt of some consequence

to emerge as the Derby winner. Lammtarra apart, it is a long time since the Bine Riband victor went on to achieve anything of great note. Shaamit, this Guineas and Champion Stakes, year's champion at Epsom, re-

cently became the first Derby winner in be boxed to the National Stud since Mill Reef. Unlike his predecessors, many nf whom are ensconced in the land of sushi and bullet trains, Shaamit will now be available to British breeders. The sobering truth, however, is that the Japanese, having examined his better n form, did not really want him. volved. better man with which to be in-

Shasmit's owner, Khalifa Dasmal, has done rather well for a man whose previous distinctions were to own the biggest car washes in Dubai. But then he is a friend of Sheikh Mohammed, and the year of 1996 taught us that when it comes to

influence and power there is no

### RACING'S FUTURES MARKET

Bookmakers' ante-post lists are developments - best prices are racing's futures market. Read- in bold - in this sphere with The ers can catch up with the latest Independent's Tuesday service.

Horse (Trainertweight)	Coral	William Hill	Ladbrokes	Tot
Big Matt (N Henderson/10st4lb)	11-2	5-1	11-2	5-
Challenger Du Luc IM Ape 10st2fb)	11-2	5-1	11-2	6
Dublin Fiver (7 Forster/12st)	6-1	6-1	6-1	7-
Addington Boy (G Retrarts/10st20th)	8-1	8-1	7-1	8-
Anabatic (N O'Bnen/10stGib)	7.1	7.1	9-1	8-
Kilorost (P Hobbs/10:16b)	8-1	7-1	8-1	9.
Absolum's Lady (G hesters) (10st11b) do	oubtful	8-1	20-1	10-
Call It A Day (D Nicholson/10s11b)	10-1	8-1	8-1	7-
Easthorpe (H Krepht/10st1b)	10-1	10-1	14-1	9.
Strong Promise (C Hubbara 9st9to)	14-1	16-1	16-1	20-
Barton Bank (D Nicholson/11stStb)	16-1	20-1	16-1	16-
Travado (N Henderson 21st5tb)	20-1	20-1	14-1	20-
Old Bridge (A Turnetl/9st6tb)	16-1	20-1	20-1	25-
Around The Horn U Gifford/9st9(b)	25-1	33-1	20-1	25
Bavard Dies IN Gaselee/10st)	33-1	33-1	25-1	33-
Strong Medicine (K Bailey/9st3th)	16-1	33-1	20-1	25
The Crazy Bishop (A Multins/9st2lb)	50-1	33-1	33-1	33-

		CKEYS					AFKS DAKING		INERS	-		-		Chanenger n	or Hennessy
	Wins	Rides	%	Profit to	14 days	Rides since win		Woo £	Wins	Rung	Profit to	Lant 14 days	Days. since win	The Murphy's Gold Cup and Hennessy Gold Cup double could be on the cards for Chal-	"The race comes too quickly and be won't be ready in time," Mrs
Pat Eddery T Quian K Fallon J Westver L Dettori K Darkey J Reid R Coehrane	186 149 136 129 123 113 112 86	883 880 907 822 569 867 805 627	21 17 15 16 21 14 14	-99,98 -86,77 -218,31 -90,32 +10,82 -182,30 -181,77 -45,36	5/23 3/25 3/21 7/43 6/38 6/40 4/25 0/0	22118223	Sased bin Sirror H Cecil M Staiste J Goeden M Johrston J Dunlop R Hampon P Cale	1,962,598 1,935,507 1,098,575 1,061,320 1,061,289 977,768 874,768	48 113 73 73 108 88 107 74	158 396 437 451 775 594 1054 427	+70.99 -17.83 -109.58 -75.89 -144.04 -145.06 -315.23 -64.57	4/14 4/21 1/15 6/27 8/48 7/23 5/27 0/8	33330206	lenger Du Luc, who beads the betting for Saturday's race along with Big Matt.  "We will have to see what happens on Saturday, but I think be will stay the Hennessy	RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Darakshan (Ludlow 3.10) NB: Fichu (Ludlow 1.40)
J Fortune M Hills S Sanders W Ryan J Carroll Dane O'Nell	89 80 80 79 73 72	787 552 829 476 708 652	149791	-253.71 -45.57 -278.79 -53.05 -189.25 -105.83	1/24 3/24 2/37 4/18 4/15 2/32	9 16 18 1 0	G Wragg W Hagges B Hills D Loder L Cursani J Borry	869,206 852,529 834,405 739,578 687,792 656,212	27 28 84 56 62 99	175 152 521 265 335 712	+22.51 +22.89 +109.73 -16.28 -62.60 -47.52	2/16 2/6 1/32 0/10 2/21 4/28	14 4 13 16 12 0	trip, he jumps well and goes on any ground," Pipe said. Out of the Hemessy, though, is Jenny Pitman's Sun Alliance Chase winner, Nahthen Lad.	Pitman said. "I would like to get him to the King George and then he will find his way to the Gold Cup. That is his target."

got round safety in all four starts this accoon.

perinned invisit for the first time. Di Heinri's charge, although finishing bred, carrie home by seven tengible as Humangbon (Zend). 16 days ago with William Balkeit a further 10 lengths back in tribul and should have little to fear from the third on 6b worse terms. Revering to the minimum should be to the selection's adversage. Fearwick is consistent and had William Makes in arreasy when a live-length second to Super Sharp or Howston Abbot in September. He won a select-unchaltenged over course and disparce 19 days ago and was also a winner over over over and a half lovel last session. Lebester Catalogs failed to complete in his first three chases in 1985-96 but came good when misking all at Southwell in May. The eight-year-old tayart been out since but film Balley will produce him fit enough. Splanding Shael has also been off the course for so, morths but are well first three by lest season to finish a tour-length second to Large Action at Uttownier a year ago and could prove troublemome. Fichts will be fight for his Fortiwell fourth to Herbert Buchsnam, Selections MILL OTHE RAGS

	2.10	BLANDFORD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,500 added 2m Penalty Value £2,000	
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5		SEL AND WAY (17) (D) TWEES 10 13	
6		BURELINGTON SAM (PE) (12) A Hooks 6 10 12 O (Autores (3)	
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8		PYRCHLEY DRAW (22 O'Chol 6 to 3 D J Keened	
10		OLD MASTER (7) R Baker 5 10 0	
ī		CHIOPRIC GUIS (4) 8 Linuchin 4 10 0	
12		LUSTREMAN (RD) (D) J Procock 9 10 0	
13		BROSER (USA) (5) K Burler 7 10 0 Mark Brown (7)	
14		QUICK DECISION (34) J Cremed 5 10 0N T Egus (5)	
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Quick Decision 9st 3ft. CARRY COLOURS SAN SAN AND SAN 4-1 Hacketts Gross, 9-2 Tadelini, 8-1 Java Strine, 9-1 Twice The Brown, 10-1 Printley Deen, 14-1 Others 1985: Bickuston 6 12 0 G Tormey 7-2 (J Hetherton) 6 Ran

arose, and repassey trees, A4-1 otters
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TADELLAL twice finished second in better company lest season over course and distance —
beson a length and a half by 4-1 on chance Standar after a bad blunder when in the lesd
at the test in a rowice event and seven tengths by Mrm-Lou-And in a chance. Bill Turner's
five-year-old, not discredited when fourth to Toray Gift in a Wincardon claimer in April, is
dropped to setting grade for her first handborp and can come out an top after her pipe opener on the Flat at Southwest eight days ago — her first run on me level since February. Hasheiths Cross gisned consecutive vitories at Pumpton and Newton Abbots in Septimber, both
on fast going, detesting Twice The Groom (who is no better off a singth and a quarter at
the letter track with Jama Staline (17th better) 21 lengths back in fifth. Hadwetts Cross, fourth
behind Brodesse in a clearer at Perth box weeks letter and a creditable third to Ahraysa at
Taunton — Jave Strine and Old Meeter both a long way adrift — should make a bold bid to
return to the winner's enclosure here despite his 12th. You can forget his unbisced Barrigor
run lest time which was on unautitable good to soft ground. Twoe The Groom has run unplaced in both ourings since, most recently when besten our of sight against Minister's Median
at Pampton, as was third-placed Breait. Burlington Sans had been off the course for more
than eight months before virting by eight lengths at Fortowel two weeks ago and could poss
a threet despite being raised 70b.

ľ	2.40	BATES & HUNT GROUP NOVICE CHAI added 2m 4f Penalty Value £3,776	SE (CLASS D) £5,500
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or their band, would prefer plenty of cut - it was heavy when he wan over hundles at Herston lists season - but he should go well here should go well here should go her band a long way behind Purce Overhead on his chesting bow to Newton Abbot test week. Laged Artist banded a couple is roots over briber in 1993-94 and, although he hasn't shown much over fences, has at least

**Challenger for Hennessy** 

3.10 ERF NATIONAL HUNT PROPERTY Value £2,262 EBF NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICE HURDLE (QUALIFIER) (CLASS 1301-3 DARANSHAR (LIF IBP) Hiss H Kriget 4 11 0...
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- 9 DOCUMENT - BETTING: 5-4 Lady Puts, 7-4 Development, 5-1 Weish Loot, 25-1 Deference Day, 33-1 Optimistic A

1395c Nothergodowthrie 5 11 0 R Dumoody 8-15 (if Forsior) 4 ein FORM BUIDE LADY PETA, who missed a risce at Plumpton test week bocouse of the testing going, will have no such womes on that score this time. Nick Henderson's going shade a Hereford bumper the session before test and frished numer-up in the test two of four hundle residence in 1995-96 - Dehind Potentate at Chepstow and Yubrales at Newton Abbot, each time best-on little ernor than a tength. Time, Lady Peta has have to everone a six-month absence on the stable gots them ready first time up and, Denalvehan apain, the opposition a pretty poor. Denaleshan won a couple of bumpers but season, at Purchessown and Market Reside. Facultie for a winning jumping obtur at Hundingson bro weeks ago he finished that behind Beascon Flegit and Peace Lood, besten a length and a helf and half a length, failing to quicken in the closing stages. Offers Sherwood's hyriding debutarat Welsh Loot, who was unplaced in both bumper outings less term, is out of a half-sister to 1972 Chebanhem Gold Cup herohre Glencareg Lody and should do better at this game.

Selection: LADY PETA,

3.40 TOTE CREDIT HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £5,100 added 3m Penalty Value £3,501 SALSP CONTANDER (SE IC.) STUD-CADOUR 12 12 0 SPO.113 FIDNER SIN (1.9) (ID.) (ID.) O Sterwood 5 11 12. OLI-113 RAMEDOW CASTLE (1.8) (ID.) FOWEN 22 10 13. UP-10P- LORD OF THE WEST (2004) J.) O'Nell 7 10 8.

-5 declared -BETTING: 7-4 Rainbow Credia, 2-1 Fether Stey, 9-2 Lord Of The West, 7-1 Cornecter, 10-1 Notice Trest 1995: Fary Park 10 10 7 Jacqui Oliver 9-4 (H Oliver) 3 ran

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Firther Sky gained three victories over furdes lest reason and looked a useful novice after making a successful chasing debut at Wordester in September. However, he had luck on his side when hollowing up with odds of 13.4 lead on at Uttoester – Newtown Rose were a couple of lengths clear with the nace seem up only to topple over at the bast – and is med in burkers here after his distant third to Harrichtern when favourite at Windarton, RAUNEOW CASTLE looks a better proposition. Paul Norrade's charge finished a close-up third to Special Account and Frozen Drop when a hotpot at Windarton after landing his flist two races this term, both at Newton Abbot.

Selection: RAINEOW CASTLE

4.10 SHOBDON INTERMEDIATE CLAIMING NH FLAT RACE (CLASS H) £1,600 added 2m Penalty Value £1,306 THE SALES OF STREET AND STREET 

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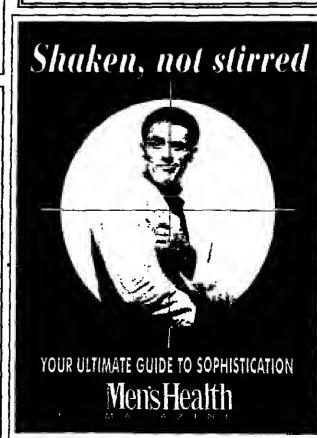
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# Dovecote primed for Cup coup



Phil Shaw visits Shepshed, home to O'Kane's giant-killing gang – bar Bah

n the grand tradition of the provincial evening paper which once gained notoricty for headlines like "Town not to move for Royle" and "Toshack not set to sign for Town", The Independent can exclusively reveal that Ibrahim Bah will not be in the Shepshed Dynamo side at Carlisle United on Saturday.

Now that may not seem like hold-the-back-page material, especially since the player reespecially since the player re-Christened "Brian" at Shepshed has still to make so much as a substitute's appearance for the

mid-table minnows from the Midland Division of the Dr Martens (Southern)

League. Yet Bah has heen creating headlines of his own in the huild-up not solely oo account of the The keeper couldn't move be-

ohliging brevity of his surname. Bah is a midfield player whose 30 caps for Sierre Leone include tangles with Tony Yeboah and George Weah and an appearance in the African Nations Cup finals last January. He fell into Shepshed's lap early this season after turning up to enroll at the university in oeighbouring Loughborough. The FA has accepted the transfer of his regis-tration from Port Authority FC, only for the Department of Employment to argue that he is an "entertainer" who would be preveoting a British player from

earning a living. His degree course does oot Shepshed needed to confirm a work permit for Bah by midnight last Friday in order for him to be eligible to play at Brunton Park. Unfortunately, the wheels of hureaucracy ground

too slowly.

Mark O'Kane, whose predecessors as manager include Martin O'Neill and Ian Storey-Moore, was already resigned to being without him as he

'The players

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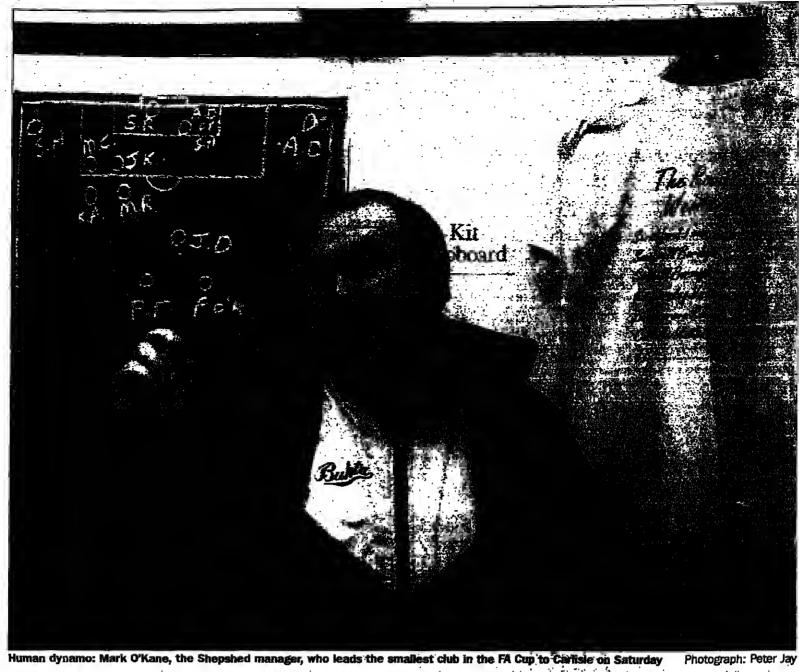
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prohlem ahout who to leave out, and he might oot said: "Ibrahim? match fit, but decisions like that are my job. He played in a practice match Brian - it stuck' the other week and scored from 40 yards.

> fore it hit the net. I've seen the videos, I've watched him training, and he's class."
> Carlisle would be advised to resist feeling smug about Bah's absence from the 450-mile

round trip from Leicestershire. Shepshed's pedigree may be a modest one, with financial crises and changes of identity and status peppering their 106 years, but O'Kane is steadfast in his insistence oo "real quality". To that end he has secured the

services of Paul Bancroft and Jon Clark, both of whom had full-time experience with Derby County. Bancroft later played at Wembley for Kidderminster



Clark to the Basehall Ground from Manchester United, though, according to O'Kane, they play for love rather than

money at Shepshed.
"We haven't got a hig hudget like in the days when the cluh was called Shepshed Charterhouse and then Albioo in the 1980s. I've seen the figures and they're frightening. I also heard that Stafford Rangers (in the same division) have a weekly wage hill of £2,500. Ours isn't a fifth of that, and not ooe of my players is on contract."

Akeredolu, the captain, "We are oot Rushden & Diamoods, you know", a reference to the megarich Vauxball Conference chih. Instead, Shepshed find O'Kane's reputation in semi-pro start until oext September, so while Tommy Docherty brought circles for playing "proper foot- they woo promotion from the

In the words of Ku

hall" helps Shepshed to hridge the gap in resources. When Bancroft was between League clubs he persuaded him to play for Carriage & Wagon, a works team he ran, and the midfielder renewed the acquaintance in the face of more hicrative offers

The spirit within the squad is epitomised by Pete Hall. Although his van chugged into the car park 10 minutes late for training, there was no rollicking from the gaffer. Hall travels from Stoke-on-Trent, 75 miles away, and yet he is not currently m the team and there is no reserve side.

Shepshed are arguably the smallest club left in the competition, regularly drawing gates of fewer than 200. In the spring

O'Kane admitted he was "pleasantly surprised" with the. way they have adjusted to the

Their Third Division hosts should also be warned that they are the only team in the country with three trophies on the sideboard already this season. "We won the Interlink President's Cup, the charity shield for the league and a memorial trophy for a past secretary of ours who died, all before the start of the real season. I said to the chairman: Well, you can't sack me this

Their run to the first round proper, for only the second time in the history of the various Shepshed outfits, began before 125 spectators at Strat-

ford-upon-Avon back when the county's cricket club had still to clinch the Championship. Counting replays they have already played seven games in the Cup, dispatching the might of Sandwell, Solihuli and Knypersley Victoria before a 2-0

victory over Bromsgrove of the Conference a fortnight ago. Nearly a thousand were at the Dovecote that day, packing the clubhouse to the extent that O'Kane could not get near the television to hear the draw. "I just heard this roar go up," he recalled. "But we couldn't have done much better. Preston or Burnley away would have beeo a higger crowd, hut Carlisle are hoping for about 6,000. We could make about £15,000, which woold be a

As the players pounded round the pitch, the club secretary, Peter Bull, was in the bar supervising the hrisk sale of tickets for the trek to Combria. November is hardly T-shirt time, but Shepshed's "Road to Wembley" design, complete with Moscow Dynamo-style "D" motif, is also going well. The back lists their victims, with Carlisle on

the penultimate line followed

by an optimistic "TBA" for the second round. And who knows, if they do make it through then Shepshed may be able to summon the clout of Africa in the oext round. But why the nickname? O'Kane explained: "The players just said: Thrahim? Oh bugger that, we'll call you Brian'. He liked it, so it stuck."

Scotland still bitter about **Estonia** 

RUPERT METCALF

Even as they celebrated Sunday's World Cup win over Sweden, Scotland were still being distracted by the Estonia saga. Jim Farry, the chief executive of the Scottish Football, remains unhappy with the way Fifa, football's world governing body, has bandled the aftermath of kist

mooth's abortive trip to Tallinn. Scotland went to the top of Group Four thanks to their 1-0 victory over Sweden, even though they were without their suspended captain, Gary McAllister, who only learned on Friday that the suspension he should have served in Estonia would have to be served against the Swedes instead. Fifa ruled last week that the Scots must replay the qualifier for which the Estonians failed to turn up, af-ter Fifa brought forward the kick-off time on 9 October.

There are more question than answers over this," Farry said. "There are causes for concern." The Scots are unhappy that although David Will, a vice-president of the SFA, left Thursday's Fifa meeting in Zurich while the Estonia affair was being discussed, Swedco's Lennart Johansson, a Fifa vicepresident, did not do likewise.

Johansson said at the week, end that he may report Farry to over alleged remarks made by the Scot in response to the governing body's decision to restage the Estonia game and ban Mc-Allister for Sunday's match. Farry responded yesterday that he is willing to go to Zurich to meet Fifa officials. There was major disruption to our team. It was an unusual disruption which we would hope would never be repeated for any coun-

try," Farry said. Fifa has ordered Estonia to meet Scotland by 16 March next year. We are still awaiting news oo where and when the game will be played," Craig Brown, Scotland's coach, said. "The players will be up for that one, that is for sure." The Scots then have home games against Estooia on 29 March and Austria on 2 April - the latter probably at Celtic Park.

## Clubs to embrace divisionals

**Rugby Union** CHRIS HEWETT

Now that all the fuss surroundiog Phil de Glanville's appointment as England captain has subsided, at least until next week's huild-up to the Italy international begins in earnest, rugby's politicians are ready to return to their accustomed place on centre stage. But after nine months in which no one has managed to agree with anyhody about anything, tomorrow's meeting of the leading Courage League clubs in Northampton will have a conciliatory air about it.

Epruc, the umbrella organisation representing the senior English professional clubs, is still in dispute with the Rugby Foot-hall Union over money and broadcasting rights and would, given half a chance, disagree with the governing body about

tire olive tree - to the RFU. Signals from inside the Epruc camp suggest that the clubs will abandoo their militant resistance to the forthcoming programme of divisional matches with three touring sides -Queensland, the Junior Springboks and Argentina - and release both players and facilities. Such a move would save the RFU the considerable emharrassment of tielding pitifully under-strength teams against high-quality sides who have flown thousands of miles in search of meaningful

competition. In addition, the clubs are likely to agree to the RFU vetoes enshrined in the now infamous document foisted on the rebels at the brief and bad-tempered meeting between the two sides on

the vetoes might be applied," one Epruc source said yesterday. an olive branch - even an en-If the member clubs unite be-

hind a slightly amended versioo of the RFU document tomorrow, Eprue will seek an early meeting in an attempt to reach a final settlement. However, a further controversy is looming over the fixture

congestion caused by Ireland's and, to a lesser extent, Scotland's international commitments. Last week, four major league fixtures were cancelled because of an Ireland squad sessioo and unless some compromise is hammered out quickly, the same situation will arise on 28 December, 4 January and 18 - dates on which Bristol, Saracens, London Irish and Newcastle among others, will expect to field their Celnic exiles in vital club matches.

sphere tourists. Newcomers include the impressive Gloucester full-back Chris Catling, the Harlequins' scrum-half Nick Walshe and, intriguingly, Andrew Lucking, the Edinburghbased second row. Lucking, a medical student at the city's uni-

land are concerned; he is one of theirs. Bath will be without two key players in Saturday's European Cup quarter-final at Cardiff.
The flanker Richard Webster has hroken a knuckle joint on his right hand, while the hooker Graham Dawe has a dislocated elbow.

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England A squad, Digest. page 27

## Irish bid to keep top players the best way to solve the crisis Zaire as well. Tomorrow, bort of formal definition of how, however, Epruc is expected to soften its stance by holding out England announced a 40-man A squad yesterday for next month's rapid-fire trio of matching soften its stance by holding out England announced a 40-man A squad yesterday for next month's rapid-fire trio of matching stance by holding out England announced a 40-man A squad yesterday for next month's rapid-fire trio of matching stance by holding out England announced a 40-man A squad yesterday for next month's rapid-fire trio of matching stance by holding out England announced a 40-man A squad yesterday for next month's rapid-fire trio of matching spending up to £3m ou contracts England announced a 40-man A squad yesterday for next month's rapid-fire trio of matching spending up to £3m ou contracts England announced a 40-man A squad yesterday for next month's rapid-fire trio of matching spending up to £3m ou contracts England announced a 40-man A squad yesterday for next month's rapid-fire trio of matching spending up to £3m ou contracts England announced a 40-man A squad yesterday for next month's rapid-fire trio of matching spending up to £3m ou contracts England announced a 40-man A squad yesterday for next month's rapid-fire trio of matching spending up to £3m ou contracts England announced a 40-man A squad yesterday for next month's rapid-fire trio of matching spending up to £3m ou contracts England announced a 40-man A squad yesterday for next month's rapid-fire trio of matching spending up to £3m ou contracts England announced a 40-man A squad yesterday for next month's rapid-fire trio of matching spending up to £3m ou contracts England announced a 40-man A squad yesterday for next month's rapid-fire trio of matching spending up to £3m ou contracts England announced a 40-man A squad yesterday for next month's rapid-fire trio of matching spending up to £3m ou contracts England announced a 40-man A squad yesterday for next month's rapid-fire t

for leading players. The proposals, involving a three-tier structure designed to

encourage the Irish players now with English clubs to return home, were announced by the IRFU president, Bobby Deacy, in Dublin yesterday and will be put to leading clubs next Sunday. Deacy, said: "Our aim is to make it less attractive to play

abroad. And we are determined to put a structure in place which will entice our top play-ers back to Ireland and which will discourage other players from leaving." The Union also aims to increase the number of full in-

ternational matches to be played in the season, which will help to finance the deal. The IRFU intends to structure the game to embrace the tial three-year period.

Of more immediate interest for the Irish is tonight's launch of their international season against Western Samoa in Duhlin. And the fearsome prospect of Va'aiga Tuigamala's return to the game at international level will be seen as the

greatest threat to Irish ambitions. Ireland's New Zealand-born coach, Murray Kidd, is well versed in Tuigamala's abilities. He played for the All Blacks for three years before making the switch to rugby league in 1994. Kidd helieves Tuigamala's

time with Wigan has made him an even more formidable op-ponent. The 27-year-old is mak-ing a one-off Test appearance on the wing for his native country at Lansdowne Road, having played for the Samoans in the season off to a winning start. It

so much more dangerous as an opponent. Va'aiga has an ability to off-load the ball well. He bas certainly developed in league. It has given him addi-

tional skills." Tuigamala, one of four new caps, set up a late try after coming on as a second-half replacement in the Samoans' 35-25

victory over Munster on Saturday The Samoans have lost several of their players since the World Cup, but they should still prove a threat to their hosts. The last thing we will be do-

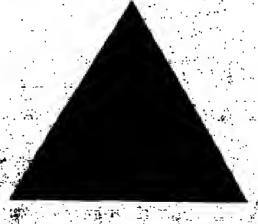
ing is underestimating them," Ireland's team manager, Pat Whelan, said. "Their back division is exceptionally strong, although they may be short of a few first team players." Ireland are keen to get their

ceotre Roh Henderson and Bal lymena wing James Topping 🕏 debutants, have been forced to make one late change. The Newcastle prop. Nick Popplewell, pulled a hamstring in training at the weekend which gives a first start to Moseley's Henry Hurley, who came on as a temporary re-Who came on as a temporary re-placement against Fiji last season.
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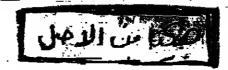
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Lord Beaverbrook used to say that, Jeremy Guscott at outside-centre.

I would claim to have been two-

thirds right. For Carling may still do

the kicking at goal, Jack Rowell, who

loves nothing better than a good tease

one reason why I thought he would go for De Glanville rather than for the better-fancied Lawrence Dallaglio – has left his intentions unclear. Most

of my colleagues think the task will

be undertaken by the new full-back, Tim Stimpson. Others speculate that the job will be done by Mike Catt.

al kicker of the three. I have seen

him put over several good goals for

Bath in the absence of their regu-

lar place kicker, Jonathan Callard,

who until last season used to be England's regular as well. Now he has

Certainly Catt is the most natur-

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rather than a full hlast. I expected

Phil de Glanville to be the new England captain and wrote as much in

this column a couple of weeks ago.
I also expected Will Carling to

Where I was wrong was in think-ing that Carling would be picked in what was then his new Harlequins po-sition, of outside-half (he has subse-

quently reverted to inside centre, at

any rate for the important club matches). This would have enabled him to

exercise his newly acquired place-kick-

ing skills on his country's behalf and,

at the same time, to leave room for

Brundle's

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Derick Allson watches a veteran

of the Formula One circuit warm

up for the forthcoming RAC Rally

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RAC Rally demands respect,

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John Quayle yesterday became a casualty in the battle for control of the game between the Australian Rugby League and

Rupert Murdoch's rival Soper League. Quayle, who has resigned as chief executive of the ARL, will make a statement today but he has been quoted in Australian media as saying he regards himself as an impediment to any possible peace agreement between the rival bodies. The ARL chairman, Ken

the best interest of the game." The ARL last month suffered reversal in its 18-month battle with Super League when Australia's Federal Court upheld a Super League appeal against previous orders banning the competition until the year 2000. The legal hattle eoters its

ver and Martin's oot far This sabbatical has enabled Brundle to mrn his mind from fretting about his future in For-

Photograph: David Ashdown

tracks, but he's a natural driver.

Jimmy was the most natural dri-

mula One. He fears he will lose his place at Jordan-Peogeot to Jean Alesi, who is thought to be facing the axe at Benettoo-Renault. "I can't understand why they would want to pay Alesi a lot of money instead of me. Brundle said. "But I've got a few things up my sleeve.

### of Kiwis **Rugby League** Wigan have completed the sign-

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inside centres. I simply cannot fol-

low his reasoning here. I do not

know whether noe of them will opt

for the outside or both play left and

right. What makes the decision all

the odder is that Guscott has been

Afterwards the Bath coach, Bri-

an Ashtoo, asked somewhat

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hetter centre than Guscott in Eng-

land. Well, I cao name two actual-

ly. One is Allan Bateman, who

plays for Richmond hut is a Welsh-

man. The other is Gary Coonolly.

who plays for Harlequins and is qual-ified for England. Picking Connol-

ly would, I am afraid, be a tease too

in excellent form.

far even for Rowell.

ing of the Auckland Warriors full-back David Murray. The Premiership Trophy holders beat a host of clubs, including Super League newcomers Salford Reds, to clinch 21-year-old Murray's signature oo a threeyear contract. The player will link up with Wigan later this month and

has already been pencilled in to make his debut in the Boxing Day fixture against St Helens at Central Park. He will he joioed in the

Wigan line-up by fellow countryman Stuart Lester, the 21year-old Kiwi second-rower. who turned down a new deal with the Warriors to join Wigan,

Arthurson, said: "We have accepted it with the greatest reuclance but John felt it was in

final phase on Friday wheo the ARL will seek leave to appeal to the High Court.

do tries have to be converted; morehad been struck by a grandmother over, the very changes in the laws which have brought about so many who had been at the malt whisky. Another Scottish example of the ineternational without a recognised and of them give rise to penalties. No one briated place kick used to be proreliable place kicker. For five years, is now sure how or when the ball vided by Peter Brown. The Wales have managed to retain a vesshould be played after a tackle, what difference was that his somehow tige of international respectability, largely through the efforts of the unstruggled over, like what Punch used to call a late-night reveller manthe tackle player should do and whether the other players should have appreciated (he certainly thinks himaging to find his front door. to stay ou their feet. A STATE OF THE PARTY OF

self unappreciated) Neil Jenkins. Ire-land would have prospered more if they had possessed the wit to play Michael Corcoran, then of London

Irish, now of Harlequins, on the left

Nor have the large scores and the

high mumber of tries that we have seen

this season lessened the importance

of the place kicker. If anything, he has become even more essential. Not only

Martin Brundle gets to grips with a whole new driving game at the Silverstone Raily Centre yesterday

It is the height of folly - no, it is sheer madness - to go into an

international without a recognised and reliable place kicker

been completely discarded. It may be that Rowell thinks that, at 30, he

is too old to see England through

to the next World Cup. But, if so,

why is Carling (who is a month old-

er) kept in the side?

Callard is not the most exciting

full-back I have ever seen. But he

retains his speed. He judges his m-

cursions into the line well. Above all,

he is a very good place kicker. So too

is Paul Grayson, who undertook the

duties last season. So is Leicester's

new outside-half, Roh Liley, oot to

mention Wasps' left-footed full-back, Jon Ufton. Any one of these is the superior of the three poten-

tial place kickers in the England

side: Carling, Catt and Stimpson. It is the height of folly - no, it is

respected sage, Roger Clark, twice winner of the RAC in the Seventies. Brundle was guided through the basic principles of the left-hand-drive car, let loose on the rally stage, coaxed again, then let loose again. He will have a session at an-

moments after putting down the phone and receiving the call that invited him to fulfil one of fantasise over. A summer run off on his recce before emened his appetite and here was the opportunity to drive a Group A Ford Escort Cosworth in the biggest event on the

British rallying calendar. knowledge imparted by Clark.
"I'm going to be relying so heavily on my co-driver," Brun-"It was something I'd always wanted to do," the 37-year-old Brundle said. "As the Formula One season had ended early I had the time. We were planning nese to me. As with most things,

heo you have competed in 157 grands prix, wife Liz knew how much this meant to me and we called off the holiday. Then it suddenly began to dawn on me what I'd let myself in for. Not just a three-day event, hut a two or three-week commitment. And I'd got to learn how to drive a rally carl"

The learning began yesterday, at Silverstone Rally Centre, under the tutelage of that most

on Thursday, test in fabled harking on the three-day rally from Chester on Saturday week. By that point, he hopes to have as much faith in his navigator, to go flat right over the crest Roger Freeman, as in the when I'm told to by my co-dri-

dle said. "He's given me a book of pace notes and it looks Chi-

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Other sports

more to it than you realised. won't be able to do it instinctively. I'm going to be very mechanical.

"It's going to be very difficult ver. It's not like a grand prix circuit, where Hknow every corner. But I've got to do it, haven't I? "And we go straight into one

world. My biggest fear is going

off on the first stage and havother driving centre in Yorkshire more you discover there is ing people say, What do you expect of a Formula One driver?' mula Onc." Brundle soon became ac-

quainted with some of the esscotial differences between Formula One and rallying. I oormally have 14 meo to change my wheels but I know I could have to do that for myself. on a foggy, muddy track somewhere. You've even got to do up of the toughest stages in the your own seatbelts here. It's a culture shock.

"But I have to say I've sensed ever, remains daunting enough no resentment from the regular rally people. In fact, I've had like Carlos Sainz and Juha Kankkimen. They are genuinely pleased to see me. Not that Juha is expecting me to hreeze past him in the forests. Even if I did. I honestly believe he would

help me. Sainz and McRae are among the notable absentees this year. the RAC having taken its turn to be excluded from the world championship. The test, how-

for the new boy. "It's still the RAC and if I get to the end I'll Le Mans. Also like Le Mans, I'm sure there will be times when I'll be thinking, 'What am I doing here?' But if I can finish in the top 20, that would be fantastic."

Clark, who also instructed Jim Clark and Graham Hill, was suitably impressed with his latest pupil from Formula Ooe. "He's got to remember there can be logs and rocks on these

Murrayfield on Saturday provid-

ed an illustration of the continuing

importance of the place kick. Many

have talked about the might of the

Australian forwards, even though

hey were below par. Few have men-

tioned the great contribution of the Australian full-back, Matthew Burke.

By contrast, most of the place kicks from his opposite oumber.

Rowen Shepherd, looked as if they

### SPORTING DIGEST

### **Athletics** Six binned after brawl

ice hockey

Six players from the Sheffield WithSTONEEAD MENT LEAGUE: Commism ordingson (7.45); Doel v Hytre (7.45); Faventhur Furness; Whitstable v Canterbury. Steelers match against Basingstoke Bison could be finding plenty of time for pre-Christmas shopping, writes Steve Pinder. With Steelers leading 3-2

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v Everton (7.15) for Headreston Town!; Othern
v Darty (7.0) for Stayloring Califes, Second Divisions; Rotherham v Mempfield (7.0); Stockport just past the half-way stage, a brawl broke out, and after the officials had intervened, three players from either side - including the two netminders, James Hibbert and Richard Gallace - had been thrown out of the game for fighting.
After the penalties, the game A YOUTH CUP First round: Leeds v Sheffel Vedneday (7.0); Backburn y Blackpool (7.0)

produced some of the best play of the weekend, with Steelers

Cardiff Devils remained top of the league thanks to some adept goal-tending. At Basingstoke, Frank Caprice fended nff 33 shots without conceding a goal in the 4-0 win and, the following day, Stephen Lyle faced 27 shots without letting the puck past while his team-mates scored eight against Bracknell.

changed their policy for next year's World Championships. The London Marathon next April will now be used as 8 trial race and selection will be guaranteed to the first British man and woman not already

chosen for the championships in Athens

Basketball

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Britain's Lee Westwood, who finished shift in this season's European ranking, moved to a career-best world placing of 64 after his win in the Sumitomo Visa Ralhelyo Masters in Japan.

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ice hockey

Rugby Union Swansea's Stuart Evans is plenning to

appeal against his sending-off on Sat-unday. Former rugby league forwards Evens and Ebbw Vale's Mark Jones were dismissed for fighting, and both face six-week suspensions. Evans' hopes of an international recall when Wales tackle Australia and South Africa next month would appear to be reduced by the dis-

Clement could be out for the season

after suffering another Injury. Clement has ruptured his Achilles tendon after only recently returning to first team du-ties following ligament problems.

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Brunton or bust Phil Shaw visits FA Cup minnows Shepshed, page 26



# Zola ready for his English translation

Shadowy figures scurried through the chilly evening air. their ears deafened by the thud of the jackhammers, their eyes blinded by the glare of the floodlights. It was an Italian scene at Stamford Bridge all right, one straight out of Dante's Inferno with the heat-

ing turned down. The building work on the for-mer Shed End seemed far removed from Gianfranco Zola's official unveiling in the plush Drake's club, but the activities reflected the same aim - the reawakening of Chelsea.

underlined that Matthew Harding's untimely death has not, so far, destroyed his Chelsea dreams. Indeed, the club seem to have become even higger news. Zola was yesterday welcomed by another Italian scene: almost a hundred media men, including more than a dozen television crews. He responded by ignoring the interpreter and attempting to conduct interviews in fractured English - he has been learning for more than six months.

That suggests he has long been thinking of coming here

Gienn Moore hears Chelsea's latest Italian import look forward to his new career at Stamford Bridge

I will, but not until my contract expires in two years' time." At that time Parma were not prepared to let him go. Chelsea had enquired in the spring - and were quoted a fee of £10m. Yesterday Parma agreed to accept £4.5m. The 30-year-old Italian international thus signed until June 2000, joining Roberto di Mutteo and Gianluca Vialli in

Chelsea's Italian collection. The reduction is due to The continued development but, when asked his intentions changed circumstances at Parmanf the Shed, like Zola's arrival, during Euro 96, he said: "Maybe They are out of the Uefa Cup

and Zola is out of favour with
Carlo Ancelotti, their coach.
Zola had been moved from the
play on his instincts. He needs front line to wide midfield and he was not happy about it.
"I have come to Chelsea be-

cause they believe in me, Zola said yesterday. "I have had a lot of problems at Parma this year. I want to play where I can do the most for the team."

This presumably means in a forward role. Rund Gullit insisted neither Vialli nor Mark Hughes - "he has been playing and play well here. I like the at-mosphere at English games and want to be a part of them." Gullit said Zola would only

make his debut at Blackburn on Saturday if he feels he has settled into his new environment. Otherwise his debut will be in a fortnight, at home to Newcastle. They could include a familiar face, Faustino Asprilla, who played with Zola at Parma.

has technical ability, he has vi-His capacity to forge a dansion, he can decide a game. He gerous partnership with Ascan give us a little bit extra." prilla - they scored 29 Serie A Zola consulted Vialli, Di Mat-teo and Middlesbrough's Fabrizo goals between them in their first Ravanelli before signing. "They told me English football is good," he said. "They said I can live well season - says a lot for his adaptability. So does the diminutive Sardinian's ability to step with-

out awe into the shoes of Diego Maradona for Napoli and Roberto Baggio for Italy.

"It was a golden opportuni-ty," Gullit said. "You would pay more for an English player more for an highest player—everything is out of proportion here." Including, one imagines, Zola's wages—he is reported to be receiving £25,000 a week. As he spoke a picture of Ted-Drake's 1955 champions— Chelsea's only title-winners -stared down from the wall. Those Brylcreemed heroes also played in blue and kicked a ball. but, in many ways, they had as

Zola as Gianfranco.



# Eriksson in frame for Blackburn job

Football

ALAN NIXON

Blackburn Rovers' new manager could be Sven-Gnran Eriks-son, the highly rated Swede now in charge of Sampdoria.

Eriksson is in the last year of his contract in Italy and would like to take a top job in England after five seasons in Serie A. The English-speaking Eriksson has put out feelers via an agent to the Rovers chairman, Robert Coar, who is thinking over the possibility of a continental successor to Ray Harford.

Terry Venables, who turned down Blackburn, could be poised to take over as a coach of the Australian national side. The 53-year-old Venahles, who became director of football at Portsmouth after leaving the England joh at the end of Euro 96, is reported to be "very interested" in the offer.

According to the Melbourne Herald Sun, Venables has already been approached by the gov-

lost £3,168,073 last season,

when they were relegated from

the Premiership. Their dehis

rose from £19m to £26m, set

against assets of £31m. The

previous year they had made a profit of £203,759.

The City chairman, Francis Lee, remained positive. Every

club in the country, with the exception of two or three, report

losses," he said. "What the bal-

ance sheet never takes on board

is the value of players." City,

who have already parted com-

season, have been the subject of

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erning body, Soccer Australia, to centre-half who cannot comtake over from Eddie Thomson,

who quit three weeks ago. It is understood that Soccer Australia is looking for two coaches, one based at home and one overseas to monitor some of the 150 Australians now playing around the world.

A spokesman for Soccer Australia declined to confirm or deny that Venaahles was due to have an interview this week. For obvious reasons we have to retain confidentiality on this hnt I can confirm we are speaking to a number of overseas coaches - as well as ones at home," he said. "We believe we are offering one of the great jobs in world soccer. Whoever takes over as Australia's coach has a superb chance of taking the

team to the World Cup in 1998." Leeds United have made a £3.3m bid to sign the Spanish defender Miguel Angel Nadal from under Manchester United's nose. George Graham has

bonuses, rises to £212,000.

nese, say they have rejected a bid of about £13m from Manches-

ter United for their German in-

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Ryan Giggs will make his United comeback on Saturday

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have also been linked.

mand a regular place at Barcelona. United will only pay £2.5m for Nadal, who is now ineligible for the Champions' League. However, the player will move to Leeds only if he is sure the Old Trafford chance

has gone completely. The agent, Paul Stretford, has defenden Stan Collymore as Liverpool announced that manager Roy Evans will be investigating the latest allegations surrounding his £8.5m striker.

Collymore was alleged to have shouted an obscenity aimed at the press during a reserve game against Sheffield Wednesday at the weekend. The comment was said to have been heard by children sitting nearby. Collymore, who scored twice in a 4-0 win, was playing his first game after his £20,000 fine for going on "strike" last week.

Stretford, Collymore's agent, said: "I've spoken to [chief executive | Peter Robinson at Liverpool and he has not received one complaint. I think it's an absolute disgrace. What worries me is that some reporters were not there to report on the match."

City £26m in debt Cardiff City have appointed the former England defender Manchester City have revealed takeover speculation in recent Russell Osman as their oew manager. The 37-year-old for-Manchester United have given succeeds Phil Neal, who left the Third Division club to assist their chairman and chief exec-Steve Coppell at Manchester utive, Martin Edwards, a 39 percent pay rise. His annual salary, City last month, and has now including performance-related been appointed caretaker manager at Maine Road after Cop-The Italian Serie A club, Udipell quit last week.

Bobby Robson's Barcelona are to entertain Celtic in a friendly on Tuesday 26 November. It is expected to attract a 50,000 full house, with the 20year-old Brazilian Ronaldo, who has set Spanish football alight since Robson bought him from PSV Eindhoven in July for £13.5m, the big draw.

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freedom to create how he likes.

"His qualities are obvious. He

Kent's Dean Headley on the rampage during his match-winning performance for England A

King seeking an early rematch

Boxing

Evander Holyfield and Mike Tyson could be back in the ring in March or June, if you believe the noises coming from the promoter Don King. It is understood that a pre-

fight agreement was reached stimpulating the date of a rematch, but nothing is certain as the various camps, including Britain's Lenox Lewis, manoeuvre for a crack at the new World Boxing Association

King has a promotional agreement for Holyfield's next fight, but he is a long way from calling the shots in the champion's career if he fights on.

When Don King has on pa-per means nothing. We will always be Evander's promoters. He will listen to us," Helyfield's promoter, Dino Duva.

Lewis fights Oliver McCall for the vacant World Boxing Council title in January, but an unification fight with Holyfield is fraught with complications. Michael Moorer and Lewis' fellow-Briton Henry Akin-

wande retained their International Boxing Federation and World Boxing Organisation titles on the Tyson-Holyfield undercard in Las Vegas. All the world title holders:

fight in boxing and Lewis' manager, Frank Maloney, said: history.

When Leanox regains the WEC title I do believe Holyfield will want to fight him. He has gone on record as saying that Lennox is the heavyweight everyone is running away from. I think Holyfield will want to prove a point."

At the moment, Holyfield wants to enjoy his victory and consider his future later. After joining Muhammad Ali as the only man to win a world heavyweight title three times, he has nothing more to prove.

On Friday, however, Holyfield faces Tyson again to do a live commentary on the fight replay. Maybe then King can get

now want the most lucrative to work on a live repeat of one

of the greatest upsets in boxing OPublished by Newspaper Publishing PLC, I Canada Square, Canary Woard, Landon E145DL, and printed at Mirror Colour Print, S Back issues svailable from Historic Newspapers, 01988 840370.

## **Headley fires** amazing win

Cricket

MYLES HODGSON reports from Adelaide England A 294 and 151 South Australia 276 and 157 England A win by 12 runs

England A shrugged off an umpiring controversy to celebrate an amazing 12-run victory over South Australia at the Adelaide Oval yesterday.

Needing just 164 more runs to win having resumed on six without loss. South Australia were reduced to 10 batsmen because Darren Lehmann was unbeaten 55, then defied Eng. called up to the Northern Ter-

Test venue.

Yet both the Saath Australian capital Manie Siddons, and Joe Scaden were involved in angry componitations with the unipries for side showing two of Heading weekers and will be same in the property to their report on the matter, attacking no further ac-

Headley began the collapse behind in the third over of the day before Siddons was adjudged lbw to a full-length deery from the Kent fast bowler, a decision he clearly disputed by standing his ground for several seconds and glaring at the umpire Ashley Hunter.

Jamie Brayshaw was run ou on the next delivery by Michael Vaughan attempting a degree gle, and the opener Ben I son was caught at second stip of Adam Hollioake in Meadley's next over. Scuderi, standing at the non-striker's end, appeared to dispute the legality of the

Hollicake, the England A captain, insisted: "When you think you've caught a ball, you ask the umpire to make a deci-

land for 27 overs in a 70-run

called up to the Northern Territories invitational XI to face the West Indies in Alice Springs today. But they were still overwhelming favourites to complete England A's first defeat in a first-class match since losing to Natal in January, 1994.

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